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# REVELATION

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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# Ch. 1: Introduction, Salutation, Vision

## I. Introduction, 1:1-3

### A. The Subject of This Book

#### 1) It is a revelation

v. 1 “Apokalupsis” - transliterated “Apocalypse” means something revealed, disclosed, manifested, shown. The verb means *to uncover*. The noun means *an appearing*.

I Corinthians 1:7; I Thessalonians. 1:6-10; I Peter 1:7; Daniel 12:4; Revelation 22:10

#### 2) It is a revelation of Jesus Christ

v. 1 Not of John but of Jesus -- “Jesus” “Savior” “Christ” “King”. Not by Jesus but of Him. What it reveals:

- a) The Sons exaltation, Acts 2:33
- b) His ministry in the Church, Rev. 1:13
- c) His position in the throne, Rev 4:2; Eph. 1:20,21
- d) His rapture of the Church, Rev. 4:1
- e) His coming in power and glory, Matt. 24:30
- f) His raising the dead, John 5:27-29
- g) His judgment of the nations, Rev. 14:7
- h) His reign and rule on the earth, Rev. 11:15
- i) His judgment on Satan, Rev. 20:1-2,10

#### 3) It is a gift of God

v. 1 “Which God gave unto Him”

All the honors of His triumphs in covenant has been given to Him.

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4) It is a prophecy

"To show unto His servants things which must come to pass shortly." This is a key to this book. v. 3 "The words of this prophecy" Ch. 4:1 "I will show thee things which must (come) be hereafter."

5) It is symbolic

"He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant."

"Signified" "*Semaino*" to give a sign Expressed or revealed by signs.

"His angel" Revelation 22:8-9

## **B. The Scribe of This Book**

v. 1 "Unto His servant John"

- 1) The Apostle John--Some believe another John
- 2) He bare record - v. 2, John 1:1-14
- 3) He gave witness -- I John 1:1-3; 20:31
- 4) Others testify of Him--Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Origen, Jerome, Augustine

## **C. The Value of This Book**

1) It is rewarding

"Blessed" - happy, spiritually prosperous, one to be envied

- a) "He that readeth"
- b) "They that hear the words"
- c) "And keep those things which are written"

2) It is enlightening

*Revelation 22:10 "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand."*

## II. The Salutation, 1:4-9

### A. The Sources of This Salutation

- (1) John - v. 4  
He is the writer - the Scribe
- (2) The Father  
"Which is, which was, and which is to come."
- (3) The Spirit  
"From the seven Spirits which are before His throne;"  
"*Hepta*" - signifying to be full - "*Pneuma*" "Spirit"  
"Seven-fold spirit"  
In the fullness of His office and powers.
- (4) The Son  
"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,  
and the first  
of the earth."  
begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings

### B. The Subjects of This Salutation

- (1) The Churches  
"To the Seven Churches in Asia"  
v. 4 not church but "churches"
- (2) Their location - v. 4  
In Asia
- (3) Their need -v. 7  
An address to each Church.  
"Ephesus" "Smyrna" "Pergamos" - etc.

### C. The Substance of This Salutation

- (1) Grace - v 4  
God's riches at Christ's expense

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- (2) Peace - v. 4  
Peace from God - brings peace with God  
Peace with God - brings peace with man
- (3) Consolation - v. 7  
"Behold He cometh"
- (4) Confirmation - v. 8  
He will keep His word with you.

**D. The Circumstances of This Salutation, v. 9**

- (1) A common brotherhood  
"Am your brother"
- (2) A common suffering  
"And companion in tribulation"
- (3) A common royalty  
"And in the kingdom"
- (4) A common promise  
"And patience of Jesus Christ"
- (5) A common place  
"A place of exile"  
Patmos - barren rocks - lies out in the open sea.  
Book written here.

**III. The Vision**

Revelation 1:10-20

- 1. Received in the Spirit  
v. 10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day"  
Only understood in the Spirit
- 2. Commanded To Record It  
v. 11 "What thou seest, write in a book"
- 3. Commanded To Share It  
v. 11 "And send it unto the seven churches which are in

Asia"

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4.     Announced By A Voice  
v. 10   “Heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.
- (1)   God revealed Himself to Moses, on Mt. Sinai  
              “voice of a trumpet exceeding loud.”
- (2)   The Temple opened its doors in the morning at the  
sound of the trumpet.
- (3)   The Year of Jubilee came with the sound of the  
trumpet.  
              Leviticus 25:9,10
- (4)   The Silence of the Age will be broken by the sound  
of a trumpet.  
              “The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be  
raised.”  
              I Thessalonians 4:16
5.     The First Scene of the Vision - The Church  
v. 12   “I saw seven golden candlesticks”
- v. 20   “And the seven candlesticks which thou sawest  
are the seven churches.”
- (1)   The lamp stands - “Candlesticks”  
              To give light
- (2)   “Golden”  
              Composed of the costliest metal
- (3)   “Seven”  
              The number of completeness.  
              The whole of the Church Age.
6.     The Second Scene of the Vision  
vv. 13-16   The Christ
- (1)   The Great High Priest - Priest  
              Hebrews 7:26   8:1  
              v. 13   “In the midst”

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- as snow:
- (2) The True Prophet - Prophet  
Acts 7:32  
v. 14f "His head and hair white like wool, as white  
and His eyes were as a flame of fire..."  
"His voice as the sound of many waters."
- (3) The Only Potentate - King - Lord  
I Timothy 6:15 Revelation 19:16  
v. 15 "His feet like unto fine brass"  
Majesty and Judgment  
John 5:22  
v. 16 "And out of His mouth went a sharp two-  
edged sword."  
John 12:47-48



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7. The Third Scene of the Vision

(1) The Lord's ministers

v. 16 "And He had in His right hand seven stars."

sawest in my  
v. 20 "The mystery of the seven stars which thou  
right hand,...are the angels of the seven churches."  
God has His ministers in His hand

(2) He holds them

(3) He controls them

(4) He owns them

(5) He will reward them

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**Study Questions 1 - Introduction**

1. Who was this a revelation of?
2. Who gave Him this revelation?
3. What is the substance of this revelation?
4. Why is it a key to this revelation?
5. In what kind of language is much of this revelation written?
6. Who is the scribe of this revelation?
7. What is the value of this revelation?
8. What are the sources of this salutation?
9. What are the subjects of this salutation?
10. What was the substance of this salutation?
11. What were the circumstances of this salutation?
12. How did John receive the vision?
13. What was he commanded to do with the vision?
14. How was the vision announced?
15. What was the first scene of the vision?
16. What was the second scene of the vision?
17. What was the third scene of the vision?

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18. Where does the Lord hold His ministers?

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## Ch. 2-3: Seven Letters to the Churches

### I. Addressed To the Ministers

“Unto the angel of the church”

Angel means messenger, Rev. 22:8-9

#### 1. It is A Revelation of Ministerial Responsibility

- (1) To hear from God, Eze. 3:17
- (2) To receive from God, Gal. 1:11-12
- (3) To speak for God, Isa. 58:1
- (4) To answer to God, II Cor. 5:10

#### 2. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Distinction

- (1) They are a part of the Church, I Cor. 12:28
- (2) Yet a separate part of the Church, Phil. 2:25,29; I

Thess. 5:12,13

#### 3. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Protection “He that holdeth the seven stars”

- (1) Keeps for Himself, John 10:27-28
- (2) Keeps from the Enemy, II Tim. 4:16-18

#### 4. It Is A Revelation of Ministerial Authority “In His right hand”

- (1) The place of authority, Luke 22:69
- (2) It is delegated authority, Luke 9:1
- (3) They are His representatives, II Cor. 5:20

### II. Directed To The Churches

“Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks”

#### 1. Seven is the number of completeness

- (1) To the whole Church
- (2) To the whole Age

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2. Seven is a compound number
  - (1) The divine number - 3
  - (2) Plus the world number - 4
3. Seven Gentile churches
  - (1) No letter for the church at Jerusalem
  - (2) He will have a Gentile bride
4. Seven churches Paul wrote to
  - (1) Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians,  
Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians
  - (2) Personal letters to Timothy, Titus and Philemon
  - (3) Believe to have written Hebrews to the people
5. Seven letters John wrote to the Seven Churches
  - (1) Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis,  
Philadelphia, Laodicea
  - (2) He wrote the Gospel of John, the three Epistles  
and Revelation,  
Not addressed to the churches as such
6. Seven distinct parts in each letter
  - (1) An address
  - (2) A citation
  - (3) A statement of knowledge
  - (4) A description of moral status
  - (5) A personal application to the individual
  - (6) A command
  - (7) A promise
7. Out of the seven, Christ finds fault with five
  - (1) One of these He finds nothing to commend
  - (2) Two alone pass inspection -  
Yet they are in contact with elements which He  
condemns

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OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES						
Ephesus	Apostolic	Faithful in service; Hated deeds	Left First Love	Repent	Eat of the Tree of Life	
Smyrna	Persecution	Faithful in persecution; none but with	None	Fear not; be faithful	Not hurt of the second death	
Pergamos	Imperial Favor	Did not deny the faith inheritance of	Doctrine of Nicolaitans	Repent	Eat hidden manna; white robes	
Thyatira	Papacy	Good works, charity, many faith	Wicked Woman Fornicator	Hold fast till I come	Power over nations; Morning Star	
Sardis	Reformation	Faithful few are many	Dead works; not manifest	Be watchful; hold fast; repent	White raiment; Confession	
Philadelphia	Present Day	Kept His Word; Did not deny His name	None	Hold fast which thou hast	Pillar in the Temple; Name of Name	
Laodicea	Present Day	None	Luke warm; blind, naked	Buy of me gold, refined	Sit with Christ on His throne	

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### III. The Contents of the First Letter

#### 1. The Messenger

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus" Believed to be the Apostle Paul He was the messenger to the first age of the Gentile era.

Galatians 2:6-9; Romans 11:13 Galatians 1:12-19; Galatians 2:2; II Corinthians 12:12

He was the pastor of the church in Ephesus for about 2 years. Acts 19:10

Paul founded the church at Ephesus about the middle of the first century. About 53 A.D.

The Ephesus Age really began at Pentecost. At the beginning of the church age

#### 2. The City - "Ephesus"

One of the three greatest cities of Asia A very rich city - It was known as a free city; Government - Roman; Language - Greek

The name "Ephesus" means relaxed; drifting; Today Ephesus is in utter ruin. Ephesus is a witness to those who leave their first love.

#### 3. Commendation vv. 2,3

- (1) For their works
- (2) Their labor
- (3) Their patience
- (4) Separation from evil
- (5) Discernment of falsehood

#### 4. Complaint v. 4

- (1) Remember
- (2) Repent
- (3) Return
- (4) Remove "or else" "I will come unto thee quickly

and will remove

thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

#### 6. Commendation v. 6

This is "Sandwich Psychology."

"The deeds of the Nicolaitans"

"Nikao" to conquer

"Laos" the people, the Laity (Organization)

#### 7. Counsel v. 7

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“He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith  
unto the churches;  
to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of  
life, which is in the  
midst of the paradise of God.”

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#### IV. The Contents of the Second Letter

1. The Messenger  
"Unto the angel of the church in Smyrna"
  - (1) Believed to be Iraneaus
  - (2) He was a disciple of Polycarp
  - (3) He was militant against any form of organization
  - (4) He had much manifestation of the Holy Ghost
  - (5) The Word was taught with the original precepts
  - (6) The Gifts of the Spirit manifested in his churches
- (7) The Saints spoke in tongues, prophesied, healed the sick, and raised the dead

2. The City "Smyrna"

- (1) It was a commercial center
- (2) It was distinguished for its schools of rhetoric, philosophy, medicine, sciences, and fine buildings
- (3) Many Jews lived in Smyrna and bitterly opposed Christianity
- (4) The meaning of the name "Smyrna" Myrrh-Bitter
- (5) Myrrh was used in embalming the dead
- (6) It was a poor church in the midst of poverty - vv. 9,10
- (7) The Age lasted 170 to 312 AD\

3. Commendation v. 9

- (1) Their works - tribulation - poverty
- (2) They were rich spiritually "But thou art rich"
- (3) No complaint against this church
- (4) The key to this age was tribulation. You have to suffer to reign
- (5) "Ten days" - "Ten years" v. 10  
Under Diocletian cruelest of all emperors 302-312

4. Caution v. 10

- (1) Fear not "Fear none of these things"
- (2) Be faithful "Be thou faithful"
- (3) You will be tried

5. Promise

- (1) A gift "I will give"
- (2) A crown of life
- (3) Not hurt of the second death v. 11

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6. Counsel v. 11
  - (1) Listen to the Spirit
  - (2) Be an overcomer

## V. The Contents of the Third Letter

### 1. The Messenger

Martin of Tours (France). “Unto the angel of the Church”

His conversion took place after helping a poor beggar, took his own coat and cut it in two with his sword, wrapped the man in it and went his way. That night the Lord appeared unto him, in a vision, wrapped in the half of Martin’s garment. He spoke to him, “Martin, though he is only a common soldier, has clothed Me with his garment.” From that time on he sought to serve the Lord. **His life was a series of miracles.** After leaving the army, he became a leader in the church, he became very militant against idolatry. **Challenged the pagans as Elijah did the False Prophets.** He offered to be tied to a tree on its underside so that when it was cut down it would crush him unless God intervened. They tied him to a tree that was growing on the side of a hill, assured that the natural pull of gravity would fall and crush him. Just as the tree began to fall, God swung it around uphill and crushed several of the heathens as they were fleeing. **Raised a man to life that had been hung for his faith.**

Martin wanted to see the emperor—he was refused audience. Martin laid at the gate and prayed. The iron gate opened and he heard a voice bidding him to rise. The ruler would not turn his head to speak to him. Martin prayed. Suddenly a fire came spontaneously from the seat of the throne and the emperor vacated speedily.

**They came to kill him.** He stood erect and bared his throat to the sword. As they leaped forward, the power of God hurled them back across the room. So overcome with fear, they begged forgiveness.

### 2. The City

The name “Pergamos” expresses the idea of a tower. Pergamos was the most illustrious city in Asia. It was also a city of great sin. They worshipped an idol in a form of a living serpent, housed and fed in the temple.

v. 13 “Even where Satan’s seat is” How did it become the seat of Satan? Babylon fell - to the Medes and Persians. The priest, A Halus - fled the city and went to Pergamos and started over.

The Age lasted 312 - 606 A.D.

### 3. Commendation v. 13

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- (1) Their labor -
- (2) Their stand under oppression  
Not a thing of location, but of character  
“I know thy works and where thou dwellest,”  
“Even where Satan’s seat is:”



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- (3) Did not deny His Name  
"And thou holdest fast my name."
- (4) Did not deny the faith  
"And hast not denied my faith"
- (5) Was not affected by Martyrdom  
"Antipas was my faithful martyr" "Who was slain  
among you"

4. Complaint  
v. 14,15

"But I have a few things against thee"

- (1) Doctrine of Balaam -  
"Who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block  
before the children of Israel."  
Numbers 25:1-9  
"To eat things sacrificed unto idols"  
"And to commit fornication"

- (2) Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes -  
They were deeds in the Ephesus age - now a  
doctrine

5. Caution  
v. 16

"Repent of else"  
"I will come unto thee quickly."  
"And will fight against them" etc.

6. Counsel  
v. 17

"He that hath an ear"  
"To him that overcometh"  
"Will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna"  
Manna kept in the Ark - In the Most Holy Place - Beyond  
the veil

It was angel food  
It kept them well - none were sick  
"The Hidden Manna"  
The Truth and Secrets of God  
I Corinthians 2:9-10

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Ephesians 1:18

“And will give him a white stone”

Two things: Victor’s stone    King’s name - High Priest

King’s name

God’s name

“And in the stone a new name written”

## VI. The Contents of the Fourth Letter

Revelation 2:18-29

### 1. The Messenger

Believed to be Columba.

He was a brilliant, consecrated scholar

Committed to memory most of the Scripture.

Called by an audible voice to be a missionary

In one missionary journey, he approached a walled city. The gates were barred. He lifted his voice in prayer. As he prayed, the court magicians harassed him with loud noises. He began to sing a Psalm. The gates opened of their own accord. He preached the Gospel. Many were saved.

At another village:

The son of a chief became violently sick.

Southwest coast of Scotland he founded a Bible school.

### 2. The City "Thyatira"

Historically: The city of Thyatira was the least noteworthy of all the

Seven Churches.

It was well off financially.

The name Thyatira means "Dominating Female"

"Feminine Oppression" Ecclesiastes 7:25-28

A woman was not meant to have an iron-like disposition, nor wear that

which pertaineth to a man, or cut her hair.

Deuteronomy 22:5      I Corinthians 11:4-7, 13-16

The Jezebel spirit was dominating in this church, taking authority and perverting the truth.

The Roman church, which is represented by this spirit of Jezebel, was as heathen and wicked as Athalia, who tried to destroy all the seed royal.

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This Age lasted the longest of all - about 900 years  
From 606 AD - 1520 AD

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3. Commendation  
v. 19

"I know thy works"

"*Eido*" suggests fullness of knowledge

Two aspects of truth presented here:

(1) Love - service  
"And charity and service"

(2) Faith - patience  
"And faith and patience"

In the Church of Ephesus, their doctrine was right,  
but lacked love.

Here, they had love but lacked doctrine.

"And works"

The last to be more than the first

Their last works...better than their first

There was growth.

4. Complaint  
v. 20

"Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee."

(1) Wicked Seducers - Called Jezebel

(2) Allowed to teach

(3) Allowed to seduce - His "servants"  
"To commit fornication"  
"To eat things sacrificed to idols"

5. Caution  
vv. 21-23

(1) A demand to repent - v. 21

(2) A warning of judgment - vv. 22,23

6. Counsel  
vv. 24-29

(1) "Hold fast to what you have" - v. 25

(2) He will give more - v. 26

(3) Listen to the Spirit - v. 29

7. Covenant  
vv. 26-28

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To the overcomer

- (1) Power over the Nations
- (2) Rule with a Rod of Iron
- (3) Give him the Morning Star

## VII. The Contents of the Fifth Letter

Revelation 3:1-6

1. The Messenger  
"Unto the angel of the church in Sardis"
  - (1) Believed to be Martin Luther
  - (2) A brilliant scholar of gentle disposition
  - (3) Studying to be a lawyer
  - (4) The death of a friend caused him to become  
serious concerning the spiritual condition of his own life.
  - (5) Entered the Augustinian convent at Erfurt in 1505
  - (6) Studied philosophy and also the Word of God
  - (7) Lived the life of severest penance but all in vain.  
He said, "I tormented myself to death to make peace  
with God, but I was in darkness and found it not."
  - (8) He became a priest
  - (9) He went to Rome - saw the futility of the Church's  
works.  
The Word of God struck his heart.  
"The Just Shall Live By Faith"
  - (10) Born-again into the Kingdom of God
  - (11) Luther fought against anti-scriptural teaching.  
When Leo X became Pope, and John Tetzel  
came to sell indulgences for sin.  
First - he preached against it in his pulpit  
Then - wrote his famous 95 thesis  
On October 31, 1517 he nailed it to the door of the  
Wittenberg Cathedral.
  - (12) He translated the N.T. and gave it to the people
  - (13) Aided by Hebrew scholars, he translated the O.T.

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- (14) Recorded in Sauer's History Vol. 3, p. 406  
That he was "a prophet, evangelist, speaker in  
tongues,  
gifts of the Spirit." interpreter, in one person endowed with all nine
- (15) Preached the Doctrine of Justification By Faith



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2. The City  
"Sardis"
  - (1) The Capital of ancient Lydia
  - (2) At one time, very important commercially
  - (3) Today it is a heap of ruins and uninhabited
  - (4) "Sardis" means The Escaped One
  - (5) The age lasted from 1520 to 1750
  - (6) Called the Age of Reformation
3. Complaint - v. 1
  - (1) Works
  - (2) Profession
  - (3) Form
4. Caution - vv. 2,3
  - (1) The need for vigilance
  - (2) The need for prayer
  - (3) The need for change
  - (4) The need for study
  - (5) The need for endurance
  - (6) The need for repentance
  - (7) Warning of Judgment
5. Commendation
  - (1) Garments not defiled
  - (2) Some walking in righteousness  
Three colors to make white: Red - Yellow - Blue  
Blood sacrifice - Divine Nature - Heavenly
  - (3) Some found worthy
6. Counsel
  - (1) To Overcome - vv. 5,6
    - a. Clothed in white raiment

Character

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- b. Name not blotted out
  - c. Name confessed in Heaven
- (2) To Hear - v. 6

## VIII. The Contents of the Sixth Letter

Revelation 3:7-13

1. The Messenger  
"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia"

John Wesley was born at Epworth, June 17, 1703 and died at the age of 88. He was one of nineteen children born to Samuel and Susanna Wesley.

John was a brilliant scholar. He was later born again.

He preached with power. The Spirit was so mightily manifested that the people would fall to the ground crying in great distress over their sins. He believed in the power of God. He prayed for the sick with results.

John and Charles, his brother, drew up a spiritual guide of works. For this they were called Methodists.

2. The City  
"Philadelphia"

It was the second largest city in Lydia.  
It was built upon several hills in a famous wine-growing district.

Its duration was the longest of the seven cities.  
It still exists under a Turkish name - City of God.  
The Age lasted from 1750 to about 1900.  
Called the Age of Brotherly Love.  
"Philadelphia" means: love of brethren.

3. The Commendation  
v. 8  
"I know their works"

- (1) Their works were good  
He knows whether they are good or bad.

- (2) They had an open door  
"I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

**The Missionary effort of that age.** William Carey affected a missionary program. Out of this came Spurgeon, Parker, McClaren, Edwards, Bunyan, Mueller, Barnes, Bishop

Also- "I am the door of the sheep" At night they go home and leave the animals, but the shepherd of sheep takes them to the fold and then lays down and becomes the door.

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mighty (3) They had a little strength  
The Word was preached well but they lacked the  
power of the Holy Ghost Baptism.

(4) They kept His Word  
“And hast kept my word”

(5) They did not deny His name  
“And hast not denied my name”

which say 4. The Complaint v. 9  
them to “Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan,  
loved thee.” they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make  
come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I

(1) Hypocrisy “say they are Jews”

(2) Falsehood “But do lie”

5. The Commendation v. 10

(1) Kept the Word

(2) With patience  
Hebrews 11:17  
Abraham was tried, after, he received the promise.  
Psalm 105:19

(3) A reward promised  
“I also will keep thee”  
“From the hour of temptation”  
Not in but from - The Bride - Six Age - Enoch  
“Which shall come upon all the world”  
“To try them that dwell upon the earth”

6. The Caution v. 11

(1) Warning of His coming  
“Behold, I come quickly”

(2) Warning of retaining what you have

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“Hold that fast which thou hast”

- (3) Warning of loss of (rule) position  
“That no man take thy crown”  
The crown speaks of reward  
Also of Rule or Reign with Christ (Revelation 3:21)

7. The Counsel vv. 12,13

- (1) To overcome
- (2) To hear what the Spirit says

## IX. The Contents of the Seventh Letter

### 1. The Messenger “Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans”

- (1) He will be a prophet
  - a. Word oriented
  - b. Prophecy will come to pass  
Isaiah 28:9 Amos 3:6-7
  - c. There will be false prophets  
Matthew 24:23-26 I Timothy. 4:1  
II Timothy 4:3,4 II Peter 2:1,2

A false prophet is outside the Word

- (2) He will be a man of Revelation  
Paul had visions and revelations
- (3) He will be a man led of the Spirit  
Paul was led by the Spirit
- (4) He will be a man of Miracles  
Paul worked miracles
- (5) He will be a man of the Word
  - a. Student of the Word
  - b. Preacher of the Word
  - c. Believer of the Word

### 2. The City “Laodicea”

- (1) Means “People’s rights”, Rule by the people
- (2) Democratic form of government
- (3) This is the “Church of the Laodiceans”
- (4) It was a rich city
- (5) Age began shortly after the turn of the 20th
- (6) This is the last Church Age

century

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3. The Complaint

Revelation 3:15-19

- (1) Lukewarm - v. 16  
Formal not Spiritual - Galatians 6:3 ; II Tim. 3:5
- (2) Proud - v. 17  
"Thou sayest" Self-righteous  
Materially - Rich - Increased with goods
- (3) Complacent  
"Have need of nothing"
- (4) Ignorant  
"And knowest not" - Deceived - Proverbs 12:15
- (5) "Wretched"  
"Distressed" - "Shabby" Romans 7:24
- (6) "Miserable"  
"Pitiable"
- (7) "Poor"  
"A beggar as cringing" - "to crouch"  
"Causing to fall"  
Spiritually - this generation
- (8) "Blind"  
"Opaque" (as if smoky) "Tuphlos"
- (9) "Naked" - The carnal condition of the Church

4. The Counsel

vv. 18-22

- (1) To Buy  
The Source of purchase - "Me"
  - a. Gold  
The Nature of God
  - b. White Raiment  
The Righteousness of God
  - c. Eye-salve  
The Anointing of God  
The purchasing factor - Faith
- (2) To Repent v. 19
- (3) To Hear His Voice v. 20

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- (4) To Overcome  
The Promise to the Overcomer - "The Throne"
- (5) To Hear The Spirit v. 22

## **Study Questions 2 - The Seven Churches**

1.To whom were the seven letters addressed?

2.Name the seven churches

What do these churches have to do with us?

What do the letters reveal in regard to the ministry?

Of what is the number seven a type?

How many out of the seven churches did Christ find serious fault?

What was the complaint against the church at Ephesus?

What was the key to the Smyrnian Age?

What was the complaint against the church of Pergamos?

What was the complaint against the church of Thyatira?

What was the complaint against the church of Sardis?

What was the complaint against the church of Philadelphia?



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## Ch. 4: A Vision of the Throne

“Things which must be hereafter”

This chapter begins a new vision, which constitutes the second section of the Revelation. It is related not to things on the earth, but to things in heaven, and to things following the period covered by the seven churches.

The Translation of the Bride has already taken place.

This section begins with the rapture.

### I. The Rapture of The Church -

1. He saw a door opened - v. 1 “A door opened in heaven”
2. He heard a voice -  
“Voice which I heard as it were of a trumpet.” (I  
Thessalonians 4:16-18)  
“Come up hither”  
“I will shew thee things”  
“Which must be hereafter” → After the Rapture of the  
Church.
3. He was caught up -  
v. 2 “I was in the Spirit” Caught up in the Spirit.  
“A throne was set in heaven” set/*Keimai* - to be out  
stretched.

### II. The Throne of Majesty -

1. The Throne is in heaven -  
v. 2 “A throne was set in heaven”  
  
Psalm 103:19—*The LORD hath prepared His Throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.*
2. The Throne is Occupied -  
v. 2 “One sat on the throne”  
  
No name mentioned.  
No figure described.  
(3) Only His appearance stated.

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Not in shape - but in color and flashing brilliancy.  
v. 3 "Jasper and a sardine stone"

Crystalline and purple in hue. Royal.

color.  
(b) Beautifully bright, red, carnation

Flashing light or Flames like fire.

I John 1:5 "God is light"

Hebrews 12:29 "God is a consuming fire."

3. The Throne is Encircled -

(1) By a rainbow -

v. 3 "There was a rainbow round about the throne"

Token of God's covenant. Genesis 9:11,17

An Emerald Rainbow

"Insight like unto an emerald."

"Emerald" - "light green"

The throne is a throne of judgment but not of

destruction.

Judgment mingled with grace and mercy.

Life - Promise - Hope - "Emerald"

Over-spanning the appearance of consuming fire.

(2) By other thrones - v. 4

"Seats" same word as thrones.

(3) By Elders -

"Four and twenty elders sitting"

On the thrones - "round about the throne"

(4) By Living Creatures -

vv. 6-9

4. The Throne is of Judgment

v. 5 "And out of the throne proceeded"

(1) "Lightnings"

Exodus 9:23,28 Exodus 19:16

(2) "Thunderings"

I Samuel 7:10

(3) "Voices"

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I Samuel 12:17,18

(4) "Lamps of Fire"

It is a flaming indignation.

Isaiah 4:4 Malachi 4:1 I Thessalonians 1:7,8

Lamps of Fire - "Light"

Not of revealing truth,  
But revealing judgment.

Seven - Completeness - Tribulation

"Seven Spirits" - The fullness of the Spirit of God.

5. The Throne Has A Pavement - v. 6  
Exodus 24:10 Revelation 21:21

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III. The Four And Twenty Elders -  
vv. 4,10,11

1. Who They Are Not -

- (1) They are not the Patriarchs  
Revelation 5:9 From every tribe, tongue, people

and nation.

They are not the Apostles. The Apostles were all Jews.  
They have their part in the foundation. Revelation 21:12-14

- (3) They are not disembodied spirits. The dead praise  
not God.

These are praising God. vv. 10,11

2. Who They Are -

Notice - Where they are located and what they are  
doing.

- (1) They are located in the throne and sitting on  
thrones.

Revelation 4:2,4 Now turn to the 3rd chapter and  
vv. 20,21

- (2) They are Overcomers  
"Sitting on thrones" Ch. 3:21 4:4  
They have crowns - v. 10 Crowns promised -

Incorruptible crown - I  
Corinthians 9:25

Crown of Rejoicing - I  
Thessalonians 2:19

Crown of Righteousness - II  
Timothy 4:8

Crown of Life - James 1:12;  
Rev. 2:10

Crown of Glory - I Peter 5:4

Five in number - Grace and Faith

So then this is a company of people that have heard His voice in the church and have overcome "as He overcame" and He has given them the right to sit with Him in His throne.

- (3) They occupy the closest position to Christ.  
Chpt. 5:6 Reverse the order -

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(4) They are Twenty-Four in number

These were the representatives of many others.

The priests and Levites “were set to forward the work of the house of the Lord, was twenty and four thousand.” I Chronicles 23:3,4  
But they were all arranged in courses of twenty-four. I Chronicles 24:3-5

I Chronicles 25:8-31 There were not more than twenty-four on duty at a time.

(5) They are Elders -

The expression is that of time - “Elders”. The “Elder” was the ruling man in the original order. They are “Elders” because of their official place.

“Sitting on thrones.” They are the first glorified of all the redeemed - the seniors of that celestial city.



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#### IV. The Four Living Creatures

vv. 6-8

##### 1. Who They Are Not

- (1) They are not angels. (5:8-10; 7:11; Hebrews 2:5)
- (2) They are not Israel. Israel in History - Revelation 4:1. Also these are from all nations. Revelation 5:9
- (3) They are not the Apostles, but tribes and people of all the earth.
- (4) They are not disembodied spirits, but are glorified subjects of grace.

vv. 8,9 Enthroned - Crowned - Robed

##### 2. Who They Are

Look at their characteristics revealed in the Scriptures

- (1) The first creature was like a lion v. 7
  - (2) The second creature was like a calf
  - (3) The third creature had a face as a man
  - (4) The fourth creature was like a flying eagle
- Four is representative of a larger number.

The Jewish writers tell us that the standard of each tribe of Israel took the color of the stone which represented it in the high priest's breastplate, and that there was wrought upon each a particular figure.

A Lion for Judah  
A young ox for Ephraim  
A Man for Reuben  
An Eagle for Dan

In the Four Gospels we have Christ portrayed in this same manner"

- (1) In Matthew the Lion - The King of Israel
- (2) In Mark the Ox - The Servant and Sacrifice
- (3) In Luke the Man - The Son of Man
- (4) In John the Eagle - The Son of God

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This is not Christ, but someone like Him - Who do you find in Scripture like Christ?

Christ is the head of the Church. This is His Body. This is His Church

Lion nature - Ox nature - Man's nature - Eagle's nature

This is the Church after it has been perfected in the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation.

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3. They have eyes -  
v. 6 "Before and behind"  
v. 8 "Full of eyes within"

(1) The symbol of intense intelligence

Looking backward into the past.  
Forward into the future.  
Inward into the present.  
Nothing hid - secrets known.

(2) Also symbol of unceasing activity.

(3) A symbol of continued vigilance.

4. They have wings -v. 8

Isaiah 6: with twain covered his face  
with twain covered his feet  
with twain they did fly

(1) Humility -

(2) Redemption - uncovered feet cannot Redeem

(3) Freedom -

Six is the number of man.  
Revelation 13:18

Six is 4 - *man's world* plus 2 - *division or difference, and generally enmity.*

Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 1:2  
First - Perfection  
Second - Ruin and desolation  
Six is 5 - grace of God  
plus 1 - made of none effect by man's

addition to it.

Six is 7 - Completeness  
minus 1 - man's coming short of  
perfection.

These are men redeemed - God's perfection.

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Man was created on the sixth day. Man has six days to labor. When twelve (the number of governmental perfection) is divided, it indicates imperfection in rule and administration.

I Kings 10:19 Solomon's throne had six steps, and his kingdom was divided.

The twelve loaves were divided into sixes -

Also on the Breastplate of the High Priest -Twelve Tribes were divided tribes.

## Ch. 5: The Sealed Book

This chapter continues the description of the vision in chapter four. The scene is still the throne, the Elders, the Living creatures.

This prophecy is in connection with the Church, but not of the Church. Also, this prophecy has its description given in Heaven, but its fulfillment on the earth.

### I. The Vision of The Sealed Book -

The book contained a revelation and demonstration of things to come at the consummation of this present age after the Rapture of the Church.

#### 1. The Position of the Book

- (1) v. 1 "In the right hand"  
The place of power.
- (2) v. 1 "Of Him that sat on the throne."  
The place of rule of authority.

#### 2. The Characteristics of the Book

- (1) v. 1 "A book written within"  
A scroll - about judgment
- (2) v. 1 "On the backside, sealed with seven seals"  
Reserved - judgment  
"Reserved unto the Day of Judgment"

#### 3. The Dignity of the Book

- (1) The question by the angel  
v. 2 "Who is worthy to open the book"
- (2) The answer to the question  
v. 3 "No man in heaven, or in earth, neither under

the earth,

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therein.”  
was able to open the book, neither to look

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- (3) John's reaction to this fact  
v. 4 "And I wept much"

Because of three things -

- a. None found "worthy" to "open the book"
- b. None found worthy to "read the book"
- c. None found worthy to "look thereon"

- 4. The Time of the Opening of the Book  
After the Rapture, 4:1
- 5. The Purpose of the Opening of the Book  
To release the judgments of God on the earth

II. The Vision of the Victor -  
The book's Opener

- 1. The Charge of The Elder  
v. 5 "Weep not"
- 2. The Nature of The Victor

- (1) A lion  
v. 5 "Lion of the tribe of Judah"  
"The Root of David"

- (2) A lamb  
v. 6 "Stood a lamb"

A lion in power -  
A lamb in nature -

Notice-

- (a) He is standing  
Because He is not dead, but alive.  
Because He is accepted.  
Because of us, on our behalf.
- (b) He is a sacrificial lamb  
v. 6 "A lamb as it had been slain"
- (c) He has perfect power and strength  
v. 6 "Having seven horns"
- (d) He has perfect and universal intelligence  
"And seven eyes"  
"Which are the seven spirits of God"
- (e) He has unlimited rights

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v. 7



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III. The Response to The Victor's Worthiness

1. Of the Four Beasts -  
and  
Of the Twenty-four Elders v. 8

- (1) Fell down before the Lamb
- (2) Having every one of them harps
- (3) And golden vials - stored up prayers
- (4) Sing a new song

2. What Their Song Is About

- (1) Worthy by right of being  
He is Lord - Jehovah God

- (2) Worthy by right of character  
I Peter 1:19  
A lamb without spot or blemish

- (3) Worthy by right of obedience  
He earned the right  
"For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God  
by thy  
blood out of every kindred" etc.  
Luke 23:41

3. Of the Angels vv. 11,12

4. Of All Creation v. 13

## Ch. 6 & 7: The Opening of the Seven Seals

### INTRODUCTION

After the translation of the Bride, the elders already have their crowns, Rev. 4:10. Also this scene comes after the Rapture of the Church, Rev. 4:1. A type of the rapture. The Four Beasts or Four Living Creatures which represent "the body of Christ" the Church are there.

### **The Similarities of the Seals (First four).**

1. The Opener of the Seals. "The Lamb" vs. 1
  - (1) Power to take the Book.
  - (2) Power and Authority to open the book.

2. The Seals Opened

- (1) He saw something vs. 1.
  - (2) He heard something. He heard - "As it were the noise of thunder".

He saw something before the thunder - Like a flash of light before the storm.

3. The Command Given. "Come"

- (1) The Command is Not to John. He is there in the Throne.
  - (2) The Command is A call into Action. A release of Judgment.
  - (3) The Command is Repeated. In regard to the first four seals.

4. The Source of the Command. "One of the Four Beasts".  
The Elders involved with things concerning heavenly subjects;  
The living Creatures with Earthly.  
I Cor. 6:2-3

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**The Particulars of the Seals.**

Seven in Number. Indicative of the Completeness of this administration.

Arranged in two distinct groups - four - and three. Worldly number and followed by the heavenly number. Divine judgment on a wicked world

Distinguished by Horses and Horsemen.

Horses - symbolic pictures.

Power of the Almighty - II Kings 6:17; Job 39:19-25; Zech. 1:8-10;  
Zech. 6:2-5

Four Spirits of the heavens.

## **The Opening of the First Seal vs. 1-2**

### **The Releasing of Divine Judgment "A white horse"**

- ( 1.) "White" Righteousness
- ( 2.) "Horse" Divine Power. A righteous judgment of God on the Earth.

### **The Commission of The Rider**

- ( 1.) "He that sat on him had a bow. " The "bow" is an instrument of war. Not of a destructive war-but of a moral war. Psa. 64:7-9; Hab. 3:8-9; Isa. 26:9.
- ( 2.) " And a crown was given un to him" "And he went forth conquering, and to conquer. " Psa. 110:3; Isa. 26:9; Dan 12:8-10; Joe12:28-32.

## **The Opening of The Second Seal vs. 3-4**

- 1. The Releasing of Divine Vengeance "A Red Horse"
  - ( 1.) "Red" the color of blood. Wars and Blood shed.
  - ( 2.) "Horse" Divine Power. The wrath of God on the Earth.
- 2. The Commission to the Rider.
  - (1.) "Power was given to him.. .to take peace from the earth" II Chron. 15: 3,5 A type. "They shall ki1 one another"
  - (2.) "There was given unto him a great sword. " "Rhomphaia " "Megas" -Sword -Large

## **The Opening of The Third Seal. Rev.6:5-6**

- 1. The Commission of The Third Rider. vs. 5-6
  - Dearth and Famine
    - (1.) A Black Horse -  
Black is the symbolic color of dearth and famine.  
Jer. 14:1-2; Lam.4:8-10 5:10.  
Notice verse nine -  
Famines are the scenes of violence and tragedy.  
II Kings 6:25-29; Luke 21:23; Matt. 24:19.
  - ( 2. ) " A Pair of Balances in His Hand. "

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Balances are used for exact weighing Indicating that there is a scarcity of food. vs.6 Bread by weight always implies scarcity. Lev.26:26; Eze.4:16. When corn is in abundances; it is sold by gross measures and no attention is paid to a few hundred grains.

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(3.) The Settling of Prices. vs. 6

This also adds to the fact of scarcity of food.

**" A Measure of Wheat."** The word, measure, used here is the Greek word, measure, used here is the Greek word choenix (which would be about a quart) Davis Dictionary of the Bible. A measure or quart of wheat would be the ordinary allowance of wheat to a man for one day's scanty subsistence.

**The Usual Price.** The usual price of a "choenix" of wheat was one-eighth of a "penny" , or denarius. The price named in the text, being eight times this, indicating further the greatness of the famine.

**The Value of the Penny.** In the A.S.R.V. the word "penny" is translated "shilling." A shilling in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence, or nearly seventeen cents. Probably the Roman Denarias a coin worth about 17 cents. This was the amount a soldier received for a days pay. Also in Matt. 20:2. The ordinary wage for a full days labor, would be (17 cents) a penny. All that a man can do is earn the bread that he will use himself. What if he has a family?

**The Barley By Price.** Food of horses and cattle - And also the days subsistence of a slave. "Hurt not the oil and the wine" A matter of grace. In judgment God remembers mercy.

IV. The Opening of The Fourth Seal vs. 7-8

1. The Commission of The Fourth Rider vs. 8

( 1. ) "A Pale Horse" "Chloros"

It is translated "Green" Rev. 8:7,9:4; Mark 6:39.

( 2. ) Its Rider -"Death" Personified  
Death, and Hell followed him.

( 3. ) Its Power -

Power over a fourth part of the earth . Of the total population of the earth one forth will die.

( 4. ) Its Manner of Death.

a. Kill with sword

b. With hunger

c. With Death (Pestilence) Jer. 38:2; Eze.6:11;

Matt. 24:7;

Luke 21:10-11

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d. With Beasts  
Ezek. 14:21

## V. The Opening of The Fifth Seal vs.9-11

The manifestations under the breaking of this seal differ, in some respects, from the four preceding. There is no expression from the Living ones. There are no 'horsemen or horses. And the burden of the description is exhibited in the results rather than in the processes. Yet, everything belongs to the same general category of trial and suffering. Under this fifth seal, we have added, bloody persecution of those who hold and testify to the truth. The good as well as the bad suffer the hour of trial. Hence, this fifth seal is the picture of Persecution and Martyrdom.

There are no voices of command from Heaven under this seal, and no messengers despatched from the throne; the reason, bloody persecutions of God's servants come from beneath -not from above. It is the devil who is the murderer. It is Dragon that makes war with the saints. These are martyrs of this particular period of time. Martyrs of the Judgment.

### 1. The Cause of Their Martyrdom. vs. 9

It is not death, but the cause of death, which constitutes a martyr. Millions upon millions perish under the preceding seals, but they are not called martyrs. The cause for which these were slain makes them martyrs.

( 1. ) " "Slain for the Word of God"

What they may have rejected in the past, now hold to be the very Word of God .

( 2. ) "And for the testimony which they held. "

(Steadfast adherence to the faith) Probably the testimony of all that was happening. Plagues, disorders, and horrors around them. It will be more than the hardened hearts of scorning unbelievers can bear.

### 2. Their Estate at That Time vs.9

( 1. ) They are "Souls" Their slaying is not the end.

( 2. ) They can be seen. "Saw" Invisible to men in the flesh, seen in the spirit.

(3.) They can speak. vs. 10 "They cried with a loud voice."



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It is wrong to say the dead is in a state of non-existence,  
unconsciousness, or oblivion. Matt. 10:28; kill body - not soul Luke 20:38;  
Not the God of the dead

Luke 16:19-31 Rich man and Lazarus

Luke 23: 43 "To-day"

Consider the experiences of dying believers, and their testimonies.

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3. The Message They Convey. vs. 10 (last part)

- true"  
delay.
- (1.) It is a cry addressed to the throne. "O Lord, holy and
  - (2.) It is a cry for fulfillment. It has started why the

4. The Response To Their Message. vs. 11

- (1.) They were given White Robes.  
They were approved and precious
- (2.) They were to rest awhile  
They were to rest in Him
- (3.) The reason for their rest.

There were others God wanted to make it. "Until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. "

IV. The Opening of The Sixth Seal. vs. 12-14

1. Fearful Physical Events

- ( 1.) "A great earthquake"  
A great shaking -applied to the shaking of a fig tree- everything will be shaken.
- ( 2.) "Sun became black "  
"As sackcloth of hair"
- ( 3) "The moon became as blood "  
Joe12:31; Matt 24:29; Mark 13:24-26; Luke 21:25; Acts 2:19-21
- ( 4.) "The Stars Fall "
- ( 5.) The Effect on Earth of These. Starts vs. 14

2. The Effects of these Events on Humanity. vs. 15-17

- (1.) The General Condition of Society  
Kings -great men -richmen - chief captians etc.

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(2.) The Security is Gone.  
"hid themselves"

(3.) They realized the source of these events. vs. 16  
"hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on  
the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. "

3. The Sealing of the 144,000.

The judgment has begun, and has progressed through a number of its most important stages, but grace has not entirely departed. The sealing must take place before the judgment can continue. vs. 1-3

(1.) Who The 144,000 Are vs. 4

"Of all the tribes of the children of Israel. " They are Jews- not the Church. The sealed ones are one company, complete in itself; and the Elders and Living ones are another company complete in themselves. John sees them all at the same time, the one in the presence of the other.

12 thousand from each tribe:

1. Judah -confession or praise of God
2. Reuben- behold a Son or viewing the Son
3. Gad -a company or a troupe
4. Asher- blessed or happy
5. Naphtali- obtained by wrestling
6. Manasseh -making to forget
7. Simeon -hearing or obeying
8. Levi -adhesion or cleaving to
9. Issachar -a reward
10. Zebulon- habitation or dwelling
11. Joseph -added or addition
12. Benjamin- Son of the right hand

Look at them all together.

Confessors or praises of God, looking upon the Son, a company of blessed ones, wrestling or fighting for what is ahead, forgetting these things that are behind, hearing and obeying the word, cleaving unto the reward of a heavenly habitation, an addition to what has already happened, sons of the day of God's hand, or the day of His Power, begotten in the extremity of the age.

One reason the names of Dan and Ephraim is left out.

Dan - a judge

These 144,000 are not judges, and never become judges.

Ephraim -double fruitfulness, or increase, or growth by multiplication.

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These are a fixed number 144,000.

These are Israelites, living in the period of the judgment, who confess and look to Christ as their Messiah.

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(2.) The Time of Their Sealing

1. It takes place on earth.
2. After the opening of the Sixth Seal  
Chpt. 7:1
3. Before the opening of the Seventh Seal vs. 3

(3.) The Nature of Their Sealing

1. It is a mark  
Of some sort.  
The impression or mark of a seal or  
signet.  
Circumcision  
In Egypt the Mark of the Blood  
Rahab the Mark of the scarlet thread .  
Anti-christ puts a mark on his  
followers.
2. In their foreheads -vs. 3  
Similar to Eze. 9:4
3. It is something Supernatural. vs. 2  
"The seal of the living God"  
As all believers are sealed by the Lord.  
Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:22

(4.) The Agent of Their Sealing

1. By an angel vs. 2  
"I saw another angel"
2. Coming from the East -  
The rising of the Sun. "Unto you  
that fear my name shall the Sun of  
Righteousness arise."

(5.) The Basis of Their Sealing -

They are "The Servants of God" vs. 4.

4. The Palm-Bearing Multitude Rev. 7:9-17

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It was from heaven that John beheld the shaking and the sealing;. and from the same point of view he sees this company. The question of the Elder is what we want to deal with first. vs. 9 "Who are they? and whence came they?"

Some believe they are the early Christians victorious over the sorrows and persecutions. Some believe they are the Christians under Constantine. To decide who they are look at :

(1) Who They Are Not -

a. They are not the highest class of the redeemed.

The Elders "Sit" -these "Stand" vs. 9 "Stood before the Throne"  
The Elders have Crowns and Thrones - These have neither. The Elders appear in their places - And have received their reward before judgement. These came to the throne after judgment has started.

The Elders were - "Counted worthy to escape all these things"  
These were in the Judgment. "Out of the great tribulation. " vs. 14

b. They are not the Church

The Four Living creatures make up the Church. The Rapture of the Church takes place before the Great Tribulation. These are taking out of the Great Tribulation.

c. They are not the sealed ones -

The sealed ones were a definite number. These are uncounted and numberless. vs.9 The sealed ones were of Israel. "These are out of every nation, and kindreds, and people, and tongues."

(2.) Who They Are

a. They are redeemed people.

They were once sinners. They are now saved. Vs. 10 "Salvation to Our God, " " And to the Lamb."

b. They are people living on the Earth during the Judgment vs. 14

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"Come out of Great Tribulation. " Some believe because of the number that they are from all ages- Come out of Great Tribulation.

- c. They are people who were unprepared, and were "left" when the Rapture took place.

The Wise and Foolish virgins. Matt. 25: *No Crowns, Not Thrones, Only Palms*

Isa. 16:9 "For when God's judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

Not all will turn to God -Dan 12:10

(3.) Their Eternal State -

- a. They are in heaven. Lazarus -The

Richman

Where God is etc.

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b. They are "before" the throne.  
vs. 9

They're not in the throne but;  
They are before it.  
"Serve in the temple" vs. 15

c. They are "clothed in white  
robes."

The garments of saints.

d. They have "palm branches in their  
hands" the ancient people -the  
feast of Tabernacles. Palms are  
Symbolic of Victory. Also- vs.  
10

e. They shall hunger no more, vs 16  
"neither thirst any more."

f. They shall not be burnt  
"neither...sun... nor... heat" vs.  
16

g. They shall be Fed. vs. 17

VII. The Opening of The Seventh Seal. Chp.8:1

1. A Mysterious Silence ("in Heaven")

(1.) The Response to the Breaking of the Seal. It was the  
breaking of this seal that produced this silence.

(2.) The Lamb is involved "He " breaks the Seal -  
openings the seal.

(3.) The Results of the Seal Opened "There is silence"  
Still before storm"

(4.) The Location of the Event "In Heaven"

(5.) The Duration of the Event " About half an hour"  
"Hemioron " "Hemi " Half  
"Hora" Hour



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2. The Meaning of This Silence.

"Silence" "sige" hush - voluntary stillness, or refusal to speak. Other than this it is all speculation. It is a silence of intense interest and awful expectancy with reference to the results of the breaking of the seventh seal.

### **STUDY QUESTIONS 3**

#### Throne & Seals - Chapter 4- 8:1

1. What did John hear when the door was opened in heaven?
2. What did John see when the door was opened?
3. What was it that encircled the throne?
4. What type of a throne was it?
5. Who are the Twenty-Four Elders?
6. Who are the Four-Living Creatures?
7. What do the Four-Living Creatures give to Him that sat on the throne?
8. What do the Twenty-Four Elders do?
9. Who was found worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof?
10. What was the number of the angels that gave honor to the Lamb?
11. What do the four horses represent?
12. What were the colors of the four horses?
13. Tell what these colors signify?
14. Tell what happened under the fifth seal.
15. Tell what happened under the sixth seal.
16. Who are the 144,000 that were sealed?

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17. How large was the multitude that was clothed with white robes?
18. What did they have in their hands?
19. Where did they come out from?
20. Tell what happened under the seventh seal.

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## Ch. 8-11: Angels & Trumpets

### A Vision of Angels - 8:2-5

#### The Seven Angels - 8:2

**1. They Are of Divine Order** "Which stood before God.

**2. They Are of Particular Rank and Distinction.**

Not all angels are of the same dignity and office. Paul enumerates "dominions, principalities, and powers" among the celestial orders. Daniel speaks of some chief princes. Paul and Jude refer to arch angels. Angelic beings are not of one and the same grade. The Sons of God, in general, came before Him only at appointed times. Job 1:6; 2:1. Yet Jesus spoke of some angels who "do always behold the face of their Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:10.

**3. They Are Seven in Number**

The Jews were familiar with seven angels of this order. Gabriel is one of them, as he said to Zacharias; "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God." Luke 1:19 Michael is another, as he is ranked with Gabriel in the book of Daniel.

In the book of Enoch, these are the names of the angels who watch:

Uriel -one of the Holy angels, who presides over clamor and terror.

Raphael -one of the holy angels, who presides over the spirits of men

Raguel- one of the holy angels, who inflicts punishment on the world

Michael -one of the holy angels

Sarakiel -one of the holy angels

**4. They Are Servants.**

They are Standing. This is the position of service. Yet- "standing in the presence of God" is to be above all other servants. The Bride is going to be sitting - Dominion- rule -heirs of God joint heirs of Christ. In Esther 1:4, The 7 Persian princes who "saw the king's face," were the highest officers of the realm, and next to the monarch in rank and power.

**5. They Were Given Seven Trumpets.**

(1) Trumpets are expressive instruments and God gave special directions in the use of the trumpet. (2.) Trumpets are an emblem of war. Num. 10:9 Jer.4:19 (3.) Trumpets were for the convocation of the people, and the moving of the camps of Israel. Num.8 (4.) Trumpets proclaimed the great festivals. Num. 10:10; Lev. 23:24; 25:9; II Chron. 29:27. (5.) Trumpets are related to announce royalty. I Kings 1:34,39 II Kings 9:13 (6.) Trumpets are associated with the majesty of God. Ex.

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19:16. (7) Trumpets were used in the overthrow of the ungodly. Josh.  
6:13-16

## **The Mystery Angel - Rev.8:3-5**

Some understand this merely to be symbolic and others believe it to have no significant meaning at all. Remember: John was a faithful and true witness of the Lord, and this, he said, is what he saw. Now, ***who is this "angel"?***

### **1. The Nature of "The Angel" -**

"Another Angel" → "Allos" -different This same Rhrase is used in Chpt. 7: 2 and again in chpt. 10:1. 14:17; 18:1; 20:1. The word "angel" means (messenger of God)

### **2. The Office of "The Angel" -**

He offers the prayers of saints. You cannot give something unless you have it. He had to receive them to give them. Angels do not receive worship, but "the Angel of the Lord" does. Gen. 16:7,13; Ex. 3:2-5; Joshua 5:13-15

There are many passages in which the expression the "angel of God/the Lord" is definitely for a manifestation of God Himself. Compare Gen. 22:11-12; 22:15-19; Ex. 3:2-6.

### **3. The Ministry of The Angel -**

Scripture itself presents us with fact, to prove why this Angel is the Lord:

#### **(1.) The First Proof - *He had "a Golden censer"***

This instrument was used by the priests, in the ministry of the worship of God. However, it was used only by the high priest in the holy place. This indicating our great High Priest who is now entered into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. This is a scene in Heaven.

#### **(2.) The Second Proof - *He offers the Prayers of Saints before God.***

vs. 3 "All Saints". There is no record of such an office found in the scripture as being assigned to angels, however, there is record of this office being executed by the Lord Jesus.

Eph. 2:18 I Tim. 2:5 Heb. 7:25; Heb. 13:15 I Peter 2:5 I John 2:1;

#### **(3.) The Third Proof - *He cast fire on the earth.***

vs. 5 Taken from the altar. Luke 12:49 ***"I [Jesus] came to send fire upon the earth."***

*A symbol of the Divine Presence & Power.*

Ex. 3:2 Deut. 4:36 Psa. 50:3 97:3; Isa. 66:15-16; Acts 2:3

#### **2. An Instrument of Divine Judgment.**

The action indicated here by the casting into the earth speaks of judgment. Gen. 19:24; Lev. 10:2; Num. 11:1; 16:35; Mal. 4:1; II Kings 1:10; II Thess. 1:8; II Peter 3:10.

#### **(4.) The Fourth Proof - *To offer incense with prayers .vs. 3-4***

"Given unto Him much Incense." It was given to Him through merit. For without His death and atoning work coupled with His pure and Holy

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life, there would be no force in prayer. God hears us because of Him. (The Compounding of the Incense in the O.T.)

**4. The Events Related To the Angel's Actions. vs. 5**

Notice carefully the order:

***(1.) Flash of Light -The Release***

***(2.) The Thundering Voice -The Messenger***

***(3.) The Shaking of the Earth -The Results***



## **The Sounding of the Seven Angels - 8:6-11:19**

We are looking at the final blasts of judgment upon a wicked and rebellious world. The last seal has been broken. The prayers of all the saints have been accepted before God, and He has promised to avenge them. The fire and incense of the altar is cast into the earth that is doomed by the just judgment of Almighty God. Time has now come for the final judgments.

"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets **prepared** themselves to sound."

1. Not all seven were to sound at once.
2. Varied events followed their soundings.
3. Prearrangement as to order and time for each to sound.
4. There are none that are alike but there is a progression of greater judgment.

### **The Sounding of The First Trumpet. Vs.7.**

#### **1. The nature of the judgment.**

"Hail and Fire mingled with blood." Micah 7:15; Jer. 23:7-8.

They were like the plagues of Egypt. Ex. 9:23-28; Joel 2:30.

"Hail" "Fire" "Blood" Could it be the Blood that they rejected, will judge them.

#### **2. The Action of the Judgment.**

"They will cast upon the earth" "Ballo" cast; to throw; hurl (a violent or intense action).

#### **3. The Effects of the Judgment.**

The third part of threes was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. Every field and meadow stripped of its growing crops, and bloody and putrid blackness spread over all the world. This has somewhat of a correspondence to an earlier stage, under the sixth seal. Not to hurt earth, the sea, nor the trees, till the servants of God were sealed. The sealing now has been accomplished, the prohibition is lifted.

### **The Sounding of the Second Trumpet. Vs. 8-9.**

#### **1. The Nature of the Judgment.**

Like a burning mountain "As it were a great mountain burning with fire." It looked like a burning mountain. It is not literally a mountain/volcano, but the image of a meteor.

#### **2. The Place of the Judgment.**

The Sea is the place of this plunging mass. "Was cast into the sea: " It would seem as if some particular sea was meant. If so, what sea? The Mediterranean Sea, which means the midland sea, or the middle of the earth. Around this sea the greatest recorded events of the world and of

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the Church have been enacted, and which is the central sea of all history, both sacred and profane.

**3. The Effects of the Judgment.**

(1) "The third part of the sea became blood."

(2.) "The third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life died."

(3.) "The third part of the ships were destroyed." Burned, sunk, or dash ashore. Ex. 7:20; Psa. 78:44; 105:29; Hosea 4:1-3; Zeph. 1:3; Isa. 2;12-16. Here John sees the fulfillment of these predictions.

## **The Sounding of the Third Trumpet, Vs. 10-11.**

### **1. The nature of the Judgment.**

"There fell a great star from heaven," - This star falls out of heaven.

"Burning as it were a lamp." "Torch," - This star has a name. The Name of the star, vs 11. "The star is called wormwood"

"Wormwood" - "Absinthe" is a bitter; intoxicating, and poisonous herb.

It produces convulsions, paralysis, and death.

### **2. The Place of the Judgment. vs. 10**

"It fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters." Jer.9:13-15.

### **3. The Effects of the Judgment.**

(1.) vs. 11 "The third part of the waters became wormwood."

(2.) "Many men died of the waters."

(3.) "Because they were made bitter" - "Poisonous"

## **The Sounding of The Fourth Trumpet, vs. 12 - 13.**

It doesn't say what it is - it only says what its effects and what those effects were.

### **1. The Place of The Judgment vs. 12.**

(1.) "The third part of the Sun was smitten."

(2.) "The third part of the Moon."

(3.) "The third part of the Stars."

### **2. The Effects of the Judgment.**

(1.) "The third part of them were darkened."

(2.) "The day shone not for a third part of it."

(3.) "The night likewise."

Isa. 13:9-11; Eze. 32:7-8; Joel 2:10,30-31; 3:15;  
Zeph. 1: 14-16; Matt. 24: 29; Luke 21: 25.

### **3. The Announcement of Greater Judgment, vs. 13.**

Is a .pre-announcement of the general character of what is to come, a fore warning of greater judgment to come.

(1.) A Flying Messenger - "An angel flying through the midst of heaven."

(2.) Proclaiming with a loud voice: "Saying with a loud voice"

(3.) Terrible Judgments, "Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth."

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## **The Sounding of The Fifth Trumpet - Rev. 9:1-11**

The fifth trumpet is different in character from the preceding four. All are blasts of judgment, and all belong to the "Great Day of the Lord." Thus far, the trumpets have blown only for the objects of physical nature, and wrought their effects through disturbances in the material world. But the trumpet now before us goes beyond the physical world and calls into action quite other agencies. The doors of separation between the earth and the prison of evil spirits are opened.

### **1. What the Star Is - vs. 1.**

This is not a meteor for this star is an intelligent agent, he has ascribed to him distinctive characteristics that could not possibly be ascribed to anything but a living being.

vs. 1 - "To him was given the key"

vs. 2 - "He opened the bottomless pit"

vs. 3 - "There came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth. "

We must conclude that this is not a material but a spiritual star. It is a "Fallen Star"

### **2. Who The Star Is - Isa. 14:12.**

Vs. 11 Says the "star" is the king over them, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name "Apollyon" *destroyer; devil; Satan.*

### **3. The Time of His Fall -**

At the time of the original creation, he fell into the condemnation of the devil. But in Revelations he fell from heaven to Earth. Just prior to the Rapture of the Church, the Devil is cast out. Rev. 12:7-9.

### **4. The Key Given -**

(1.) Key speaks of Power - And authority to use that power.

Peter was given the keys to the kingdom the power to open the door of the Gospel. Christ had the keys of death and hell at His side.

(2.) The key is "given - Cannot go beyond what he is permitted. Evil would override the world.

### **5. What The Key Is For -**

"The Bottomless Pit." - The Release of the Locusts.

### **6. What The Locusts Are -**

(1.) Their Nature.

Locusts have no king, Prov. 30:27.

They are supernatural, angelic beings. vs. 11. Jude 6; II Peter 2:4.

(2.) Their Forms -

"like unto horses"	"have hair like a	"have teeth of
"like unto men"	woman,"	lions"

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" have "have wings, "  
breastplates of iron," "have tails"

(3.) Their Intelligence

They have a certain amount of intelligence. vs. 4. Commands are given to them.

(4.) Their Power -

Is limited -vs. 4; The extent of their power is to horrify and torment, vs. 5.

(5.) The Duration of their torment, vs. 5 and 10.

**E. The Sounding of the Sixth Trumpet - Rev. 9:12-21**

**1. The Characteristics of the Judgment.**

(1.) ***There was a voice*** - "I heard a voice."

(2.) ***The location of the voice*** -

(a.) "From the four horns of the golden altar."

Place of intercession. Rev. 8:4; Place of prayers. Rev. 8:5 Place of mercy.

(b.) "Which is before God."

It comes from the presence of God. It has the sanction of God. It is Divine Judgment.

(c.) Who the Voice has Addressed to -

"To the sixth angel" - vs. 14 The Angel sounds - The Voice responds.

(d.) What the Voice was Saying.

1. "Loose the four angels."

2. "Which are bound."

3. "In the great river Euphrates."

**2. The Release of the Angels.**

(1.) ***The Nature of the Angels.***

(a.) They are fallen angels. →they were bound -II Peter 2:4; Jude 6

(b.) They are high ranking angels. They were over others.

(2.) ***The Purpose of the Release.***

(a) To carry out judgment.

"To slay the third part of men." vs. 15. "Seven women will take hold on one man."

(b) To give men what they desired.

They worshiped devils - vs. 20. God lets devils destroy them.

(3.) ***The Time of their Release.***

An hour. A day. A month. A year. (Ills. 9:00 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1984.)

**3. The Vision of Horses and Horsemen - vs. 17.**

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"I saw the horses in the vision and them that sat on them."

(1.) ***Their Number*** - vs. 16. - 200,000,000 Two hundred million.

(2.) ***Their Nature***. No ordinary horses. Executers of these four fallen Angels.

(3.) ***Their Description*** - vs. 17.

(a.) "Having Breastplates of Fire." In Ephesians Breastplates of Righteousness - Here breastplates of fire—a symbol of Judgment

(b.) "Having breastplates of Jacinth" According to Elliott, the jacinth color, is the dark purple or blue the color of smoke.

(c.) "Having Breastplates of Brimstone."  
Brimstone is sulphur. A horrible burning.

(d.) "Their heads were as the heads of Lions" - Heads speak of Authority or Rule - Lions speak of Power.

(e.) "Out of their mouth issued fire and smoke and brimstone." vs. 17.

"By these three was the third part of men killed"

(4.) ***The Place of their Power*** - vs. 19.

"Their power is in their mouth and in their tails."

**4. The Condition of the World -**

a) Unrepentant - vs. 20.

"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not."

b) Worshipers of Demons.

"That they should not worship devils."

c) Idolatrous -

Idolatry in various forms: Idols of gold, silver, stone and wood. The world Church at this time is still flourishing, however she shall be destroyed by the ten kings that reign with the Anti-christ.

d) Wholesale Murders - vs. 21.

Murderers will run Rampant.

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plural. “Neither repented they of their murders.” - “Murders” -

- 1) Feticide - Abortions - Murder of unborn.
- 2) Infanticide - Abortions - Murder of new born.
- 3) Homicide - manslaughter - Murder of living.
- 4) Suicide - manslaughter - Murder of ones self.
- 5) Fratricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones brother.
- 6) Matricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones mother.
- 7) Parricide - manslaughter - Murder of ones parent.
- 8) Euthanasia - manslaughter - Murder of the feeble - Mercy killing.

“Murder” - “phonos” - to slay - slaughter.

e) Practice of Sorceries -

Foreseeing or Foretelling of the future events by the aid of evil spirits; witchcraft, magic, enchantments. Impure practices with evil agencies, and particularly with poisonous drugs. “Sorcery” - “pharmakcia” - medication - “pharmacy” - Magic - sorcery - witchcraft - drugs.

f) Practice of Fornication -

“Porneia” - Harlotry - adultery - incest  
Unlawful lust of either sex.

Homosexuals - Similar to the word swinish. While fornication is being licensed by the opinion of Churchmen, God still hates it, and will judge it.

g) Practice of Thievery -



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Robbery.      “Thefts” - “Klemma” - Kepto - (maniac) Wholesale

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**5. The Cloud-Robed Angel - 10:1-11**

This is still part of the sixth trumpet. It is not until the eleventh chapter and the fourteenth verse, that the woe of the sixth trumpet is accomplished.

**a. The Angel**

1) The Facts Indicate Deity.

(a) "Another. ..Angel" Rev. 7: 2 8: 3.  
Different from the other angels mentioned.

(b) "Mighty Angel" vs. 1. "Ischuros" an adjective describing what He is and not what He has. He is mighty -He is powerful - He is strong

2) The Particulars Indicate Deity

(a) "**Clothed with a cloud**" vs. 1.  
Clothing speaks of Condition (Sinful or Righteous) and Clouds speak of Mystery (Indicating Deity). Ex. 24:16;40:34; Lev. 16:2; Matt. 17:5; Clouds also speak of Judgment—A storm is coming.

(b) "**A Rainbow Upon His Head**" - The Rainbow is a Covenant Sign. Gen. 9:13; "I do set my bow in the cloud" - "Set my bow" Sign of Mercy - "In the cloud" Sign of Judgment. In Judgment God Remembers Mercy.

(c) "**His face was as it were the sun**" -  
In the first vision - Rev. 1:13-20.

Mal. 4: 2 "Sun of Righteousness" Acts 26:13 "Above the brightness of the sun."

(d) "**His Feet as Pillars of Fire**" - "Feet like brass that burned in the fire" - An image of pureness and judgment. Here it is an image of steadfastness and glorious majesty.

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**b. The Acts of the Angel**

1) Taking Possession (Deut. 11:24)

(e) "He set His Right foot upon the sea, "  
Rev. 17:1; vs. 15.

(f) "And His left foot on the earth " The place where the people dwell. Who is the world under dominion to now? Under the rule of Satan. (John 12:31; Luke 4:6; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2: 2) The Devil is in control now, but Jesus is soon to take over. He sets His foot upon the sea, and the land, and takes hold as His own.

3) Proclaiming Victory -

(a) "Cried with a loud voice," Not the cry of defeat or fear. But of Power -Victory - Triumph; John 11:43-44. At the grave of Lazarus. Could it be that He is Awakening the Dead?

(b) "As when a lion roareth." He is known as "The lion of the tribe of Judah" Judah-Praise -Victory -shouting in victory. Song writer said -"That breaks every chain." Also the Prophet said - "The Lord shall roar out of Zion " Jer. 25:29-31

4) Signaling Fulfillment.

(a) "lifted up his hand to heaven" vs. 5. a signal of Readiness or Victory.

(b) "And sware by Him that liveth for ever and ever...

...that there should be time no longer." vs. 6.

There should be "No more delay" Amp. Version.  
There is reason now for delay. II Peter 3:9-10.

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**c.** The Response to the Angel, vs. 3 "and when He had cried"

1) Indication of (More) Judgment.

More severe. "Seven thunders uttered their voices"  
Seven-Complete Thunders -Judgment.

5) Personality Ascribed.

They speak -"Uttered their voices" John was going to write  
what he heard.

6) A Command Given, vs. 4.

"Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write  
them not"

**d.** The Scroll in the Angels Hand, vs. 2a; 8-11.

1) It is a Revelation, vs. 7.

"The mystery of God should be finished"

7) The Nature of the Revelation.

(a) It had been a mystery. "He had in His  
hand a little book." The Book mentioned in  
Rev. 5; No man could open it -no one else

(b) It is a mystery that has been solved .  
"A little book open" The mystery that had  
been hid for ages is now revealed.

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8) The Facts Related To The Revelation.

(a) "Go and take the li t tle book " Faith is the factor that receives from God. Faith takes hold of truth.

(b) "Which is open " W(3S closed now opened .

(c) "In the hand of the Angel " In His hand -earned -merited.

Based on the merits of Calvary. "a Lamb as it had been slain" Chp. 5:6-7. We can only take the open Book - The Revelation of God - from the hand of Christ.

9) The Effects of The Revelation.

(a) "In my mouth sweet as Honey" Psa. 119:103;

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste!  
yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth."  
Revelation sweet.

(b) "My belly was bitter." Bitter in Experience, vs. 11 indicates why - persecution.

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**6. The Reinstating of the Jew - 11:1-2**

This is a continuation from the last chapter. John eating the little book and told he must prophesy again. Now is given a reed. This is during the Judgment.

a. The Instrument Given -

- 1) " A Reed " "Kalamos"-A Reed-Rule or Law, Not a frail reed-A canon Law - "Not the Canon" but "a canon" Not the Rule but A Rule Heb.8:8-13; Jer.31:31-34

- 10) "Like unto a Rod" "Rhabdos" - A stick or wand - scepter - An instrument of chastisement, Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15. Judgment by believers, Psa. 149:5-9; I Cor. 6:2.

b) The Instrument's Purpose

vs. 1 "Rise and Measure" - Egeiro - to awaken -rouse -raise, - "Metro" -to measure.

- 1) 1. To Set A Standard.

Measure indicates limits - Laying down borders -dimensions - boundaries

- 1) 2. To Declare Ownership.

Measure indicates appropriation. What is measured is claimed or owned.

- 2) To Reveal A Change.

Measuring indicates important changes. Old done away -New coming into view. Jews cast off -Now brought back. Rom. 11:11-27

c) The Articles Measured, vs. 1

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1) **"The Temple of God "** ("Judgment shall begin at the house of God.")

(a) Is the earthly temple. No measurement or judgment needed for the heavenly temple -"A Reed or Rod" Rev. 21:15 "Golden Reed" Divine measurement

(b) Holy City - vs. 2, Jerusalem, Neh. 11:1,18; Isa. 52:1; Matt. 4:5; 27:52-53.

(c) Given to the Gentiles. New Jerusalem will not be given to them to be trodden under foot. "Shall tread under foot forty and two months" (3 ½ years)

2) "The Altar "

Altar." (1.) The demands and commands of God in regard to the "

(2.) Temple worship restored, vs. 1.

(3.) Sacrifice Restored. Dan.8:11-13; 11:31; 12:11.

3) The Worshipers

(1.) The Jew will return to worship. "That worship there"

(2.) The Jew will turn to God. Rom. 11:21-25.

d) That Which Is Not Measured.

vs. 2 "The court which is without the temple leave out" "Measure it not "

1) **It is given unto the Gentiles for a time.** "42 months" Isa. 1:27; Zech. 13:9; 14:1-4.

1) God does not accept what will not meet the measurement.

2) The Judgment of the Gentiles is reserved for the future.

## Ch. 11: The Two Witnesses

Rev. 11:3-13

*These two witnesses are not presented to John in vision.  
They are described to him by the glorious Angel,  
who is the Lord Jesus Himself.  
The account that is given here is not John's  
but Christ's, given in His own words.  
Who, then, are these Two Witnesses?  
The connection in which the account is given  
may help to give us the answer. These Witnesses  
come upon us suddenly, in the midst of the scenes  
of the Judgment, and at a time when Christ is ready  
to take possession of the earth.*

### I. Their Outstanding Circumstances -

#### 1. Ordained of God - vs.3

"My two witnesses" - "And I will give power"

- (1.) Power to Prophecy -vs 3
- (2.) Power to Punish -vs. 5
- (3.) Power to Shut Heaven -vs. 6a
- (4.) Power to Work Miracles -vs. 6b,c

#### 2. Two in Number -vs. 3- 4

Deut. 17:6; Matt. 18:16; Moses and Aaron -Caleb and Joshua  
Zerubbabel and Jeshua -Peter and John  
Old Testament and New Testament

Everything to be established by two or three witnesses.

Notice- vs. 4; Zech. 4:1-6. Zerubbabel the prince - Jeshua the  
priest

They are two men God will raise up in this end time.



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## **II. Their Ordained Commission.**

### **1. They Are Witnesses.**

Prophetic Witnesses -Apostles -Martyrs - Witnesses

Christ Himself -"The faithful and true witness"

As Enoch - Noah - Moses - Elijah - Jonah in Ninevah - John the Baptist to Herod.

- (1.) They Rebuke Sin
- (2.) Expose Deception
- (3.) Demand Repentance
- (4.) Require Righteousness

### **2. They Are God's Witnesses.**

"My two witnesses" vs. 3. Proving that this Angel is Christ.  
Not as He is now - but as Judge and King  
Not of the Bleeding Lamb but of the Avenger of His Elect.

The Powers which they exercise -

The Reason No Rain -

- (1.) Sin of Idolatry -
- (2.) Trust in False gods -
- (3.) Desecration of God's Temple -

### **3. They Are Human Witnesses -**

- (1.) They are People - vs. 3 "Clothed in sackcloth."
- (2.) They Prophecy - vs. 3 "They shall prophecy."
- (3.) They Can Be Hurt - vs. 5 "If any man hurt them."
- (4.) They Can Be Killed - vs. 7 "Overcome them, and kill them."
- (5.) They Are Raised From The Dead - vs. 11

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"After three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them."

heaven" (6.) They Ascend into Heaven - vs. 12 "They ascended up to

Who are They?

Some believe Moses and Elijah.

Some believe Enoch and Elijah.

Some believe O.T. and N.T.

Some believe a body of believers.

Luke 1:15-17. Malachi 3:1-6; 4:1,5-6; Matt. 17:10-13; 11:14-15;

1:17. John the baptist was a partial fulfillment - Mal. 4:6; Luke

Lev. 26:1,9; Jer. 14:22; Zech. 10:1,2; Hag. 1:9-11.

The Reason water to blood -

Because of the bloody and oppressive  
tyranny. Moses in Egypt. The bloody persecution.

#### **4. They Are Merciful Witnesses.**

Though they appear in judgment, the message is a warning -

"To flee from the wrath to come" - But they will not listen - II  
Thess. 2:9-11.

## **II. The Two Witnesses, *Continued***

Rev. 11:3-6

*What have we identified the two witnesses to be? Now  
we continue...  
Their Times -Their Doings -Their End*

### **I. The Times of These Two Witnesses.**

#### **1. They are not Gospel Times.**

(1.) The Jew and his Temple.

(2.) Ministers- different from Gospel ministers. vs. 5.

They kill -vs. 10 torment - deal out fiery judgment. Avenge the very wish to injure them. We are not to avenge ourselves. Not to smite and kill our enemies - but love them. Jesus was crucified Stephen was stoned. James was beheaded. Peter was crucified. Paul beaten -imprisoned - beheaded - Polycarp is burned. The Gospel is a thing of joy. Isa. 57:7.

(3.) Their garments symbols of calamity and judgment. The heavens are shut - no rain -no grain. Waters are turned to blood.

#### **2. They are very Evil Times.**

(1.) Times of great affliction and sorrow for God's true ministers. Hell has incarnated itself upon earth.

(2.) From the Abyss has come the Beast. All the world wonder at -  
All worship and adore him - Not given to the worship of God.

(3.) War rages against God's People. Rev. 12:17. They are overcome.

The two witnesses are killed. How many more?

(4.) They are times of Miracles, vs.6. The Two witnesses

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The Beast and False Prophet - lying signs and wonders. II Thess.  
2:3-10. Deceiving the world - Rev. 13:12-15. Moses overcame the  
magicians. These overcome the witnesses vs. 7.

## **II. The Work of These Two Witnesses.**

### **A. They Are Prophets, vs.3; vs. 6; vs. 10.**

**A. They Are Preaching Prophets. Expounding God's Word. Calling to Repentance.**

**B. They Are Judgment Prophets, vs. 5. Elijah called down fire "consumed fifty" etc.**

Mal. 4:6 "smite the earth with a curse." Hebrew word -utter destruction. Matt. 24:21-22.

## **III. The End of These Two Witnesses.**

Their career, though illustrious, and crowded with miracle from beginning to end, is very brief. vs. 3. *They shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days.* 3 ½ years.

### **1. They Are Killed -vs. 7.**

Put to death.

"When they shall have finished their testimony. " When their work is complete.

### **2. The Form of Death They Die - vs.8.**

Some believe reference is made of crucifixion. The ordinary mode of execution (at this time) is by beheading. Rev. 20:4a.

### **3. The Place of Death - vs. 8 "in the street...of the great city"**

They are denied burial. "Spiritually called Sodom and Egypt" This is further proof of the literalness of this prophesy. Jerusalem in Apostasy, is a Sodom. Isa. 1:9-10; 3:8-9; Deut. 32:30-33; Jer. 23:14.

### **4. The Length of Their Death - vs. 11. 3 ½ days.**

They do not remain dead. "Life came into ,them -and stood upon their feet." The world is left in shock -

### **5. They Ascend into Heaven - vs. 12.**

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They hear the call. They descend up to heaven. Their enemies behold them.

**6. The Witness of God To Their Ascension. vs. 13**

A great earthquake  
At the death of Christ - earthquake  
But no one died -it was Mercy-Love-Grace  
Here is Judgment - "Tenth part of the city fell" vs. 13.  
"Seven thousand " slain - The earthquake in California

## **Ch. 11: The Sounding of The Seventh Angel**

Rev. 11:15-19

*The Coming of the Lord  
It is the Seventh and Last Trumpet.  
Chapter 10:7*

### **I. The Attending Manifestations -vs. 15-17.**

#### **1. "There Were Great Voices in Heaven"**

There are many voices in heaven - Some are shouting -vs. 15.

Some are singing a new song - Some are worshipping -vs. 16-18.

An angel flying in mid-heaven - shouting 18:1-2

Angels shouting the fall of Babylon. And the fate of them that worship the Beast.

A voice crying the Blessedness of the dead. Voices crying thrusting in the sickle.

A voice crying "It is done. " - Voices shouting the Worthiness of the Lord.

Voices saying "Halleluia, Amen, Halleluia" - Others shouting "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

#### **2. What the Voices Cry.**

(1.) "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord.

(2.) "He shall reign forever and ever."

#### **3. What the Four and Twenty Elders Do.**

(1.) "Sat before God on their thrones"

Rule and authority with God.

( 2. ) "Fell upon their faces. "

Not only bowed but fell on their faces.

(3. ) "And Worshiped God"

This is what they said. vs. 17- 18.



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Lord God Almighty - Supreme in Authority  
"Theos" -The Supreme Divinity - All -Ruling -Sovereign  
"Which art, and wast, and art to come" - The same  
forever.

## **II. The Attending Results of His Coming.**

A change in Government

### **1. A change in the Government of the World, vs. 15**

- (1.) The kingdoms that have been Babylon -Medo-Persia -etc.
- (2.) Their Nature - Wild beast to describe them - Dictatorial - Murderous - Demanding - Taxing. Look at what we pay to support Government. Things are not getting better; II Tim. 3:13.
- (3.) The Kingdom of Our Lord.

### **2. The Judgment of the Dead. vs. 18.**

Shall be judged out of the books. Chpt. 20:12-15; Gal.6:7-8.

### **3. Rewards Given To The Saints. vs. 18.**

"And that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name,"  
- "Small and great" famous and none famous:

What the Saints have gone through; Heb. 11. Pay day has not come. All shall be there - All shall be rewarded. Even a cup of water. Paul shall receive his crown ; II Tim. 4:7-8; Daniel shall stand in his lot - Moses shall receive his reward - that he had respect for Dan. 12:3; Matt~ 5:11-12; 10:42; 25:23; Luke 6:35; Eph.6:8; II Time. 2:12. Happy will be the people, when the last trumpet sounds, shall be found ready to meet the Lord.

### **4. The Temple of God Was opened.**

There is a heavenly temple. Ex. 25:40; Heb.9:23;  
Copies- likenesses -patterns.

### **5. The Ark is Seen.**

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"Optanomia" - Gaze at something emarkable. - "Appear"  
"The Ark of His Testament" (Conenant)  
"There were lightnings" "And voices" and Thunderings,  
And an earthquake, and great hail.

## **Ch. 12:1,2: The Sun-Clothed Woman**

This is a dividing point in the book. In the fulfillment of this part of the prophecy we are going back into the church age.

*Rev. 1:1-4 "John to the Seven Churches which are in Asia."*

### **I. The Importance of This Revelation.**

#### **A. It was a sign.**

"appeared a great wonder" "Semeion" Miracle -Sign -Token - Wonder

John 2:11; 4:45; 20:30; I Cor. 12:12; Matt.26:48; Luke 2:12; Rom.4:11; II Cor. 12:12; (II Thess.3:17 Token or Sign).

A sign -this is a word which he uses here for the first time in the Revelation -intending to bring before us something beyond itself. A sign - A symbol - A picture. A symbol of something else which is the true subject of contemplation.

When interpreting Revelation you must understand that there is literal and figurative language and you must know when which is being used. When the Scripture is absent from a figurative expression or a figurative setting we should not try to make it figurative, but we should take it literal. Here John says, "And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven." Something very mysterious is happening in the heavens—figurative, symbolic and *not* literal.

#### **B. It was an important sign.**

"Megas" great- extraordinary -important. Not only a sign -but -"A great sign." This is a great, important, extraordinary, remarkable event that needs to be considered.

### **II. The Location of This Revelation.**

#### **A. It was in the Spirit.**

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." Transported through time and space.

## **B. It was in Heaven.**

"A great wonder in heaven." That is, it was revealed to him in the heavenly realm.

## **C. It was spiritual.**

That is, it was apart from the natural. It was something of a heavenly order. It's not a natural thing; it's not in the natural order. It's not of the earthly, but of the heavenly.

## **III. The Exposition of This Revelation. (Who is this woman?)**

*"A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."*

### **A. Who the woman is not.**

- 1) She is not Mary -

Mary was of a very lowly and poverty stricken condition. Can we really interpret properly the lowly state of that little peasant woman that brought Jesus into the world, with this prophecy, fulfilling this position of a woman clothed with the sun and moon under her feet and crowned with twelve stars?

It was a woman that brought a man-child into this world, but was that man-child caught up to God as a child? Was Jesus just a child when He went to Heaven? "And her child was caught up unto God and to His throne." This does not speak of a man 33 years old, fully matured, fully grown and fully developed. If John wanted us to understand that this was Jesus, I'm sure he would have said that the Lord Jesus was caught up to the throne. Also, Mary had passed away a long time before this vision.

Now, let us look back into the first chapter of Revelation. I think there are some keys for interpretation there. Rev. 1 :3 says "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy." "This prophecy" has to do with prophetic utterance, foretelling something that is to come to pass. This book was written sixty years or more after the ascension of Christ. Remember, he is speaking of prophecy, something that is yet to take place. Also, in Rev. 1: 1 "Things which must shortly come to pass." That is these things have not come to pass. This is not a record of history, but this is something that is to come to pass. Again, in Rev. 4: 1 " And I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." When Christ was caught up to God, this Revelation was not yet written and it was said at the time of writing these were future. Also, is Jesus the only one that will rule the nations with a rod of iron? Rev.2:24-27.

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2) She is not Israel -

There is another school of thought, and probably this is the more prominent teaching today. This is the belief that this is literal Israel. Israel was an earthly heritage. An earthly people- An earthly kingdom - Earthly possessions. The only time anything is mentioned to Israel with the heavens is Abraham's seed being as the starts of the sky, and then, only of those that are believers. Rom. 9:6-8.

Israel as a nation is pictured in the Scriptures, especially in the book of Hosea, as an unfaithful wife and as a harlot on the streets. As you look at Israel today you can see that this is her condition rather than in the place of honor. Also, Israel was clothed with the law which speaks of judgment, darkness, and death. This woman is clothed with the "sun".

Some say this must be Israel because of what Isaiah said - Isa. 66:6, 7. Look closely at the two texts. They are the opposite of each other.

3) She is not the world church -

A look at the condition of the church universally will reveal that she is not arrayed in this fashion - but, is worldly, ungodly, and devilish. How can an unholy thing produce a holy thing that is to be caught up to God and to His throne?

**B. Who the woman is**

The key to help interpret is in Rev. 1:4 "John to the Seven Churches." Are we left to interpret whom John is speaking to? "The Seven Churches" The whole church age. John, when referring to something else, indicates this -when there is an absence of explanation -doesn't it only make sense that he is speaking then to the Churches?

A woman in scripture - Rev. 17 - False here. Rev. 12 - True Church. The woman is the Church. It is a revelation of Christ and the Church. Remember -" A great wonder in heaven." This is the Church - the Body of Christ. Eph. 1 :22,23

## The Man-Child, 12:2-5

### A. The Identity of the Man-Child (If the woman is the church, who is the man-child?)

1. Some believe the man-child to be Christ. (Some objections to this theory.)
  - a. Christ came down from heaven at birth. The man-child is caught up to heaven.
    - a) Christ was killed -put to death. True, He surrendered His life but He died. The man-child is not harmed by the devil, but is caught up to God and His throne.
- 2) The man-child is a product of the church. ("The woman is in travail to bring forth")

### C. The Revealing of the Man-Child. *"And she brought forth"*

1. To bring forth is to reveal the child. Manifest that which is born. Rom.8:17-19 Manifestation. I Peter 1:3-5 Revealing.
2. Revealed with great pain. Vs. 2 "cried" travailing in birth. Pain to be delivered.
3. Revealed under great persecution.Vs. 4 "And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." The devil will fight harder against this truth than any other truth that has been revealed -because the man-child takes his place in heaven. Vs.8.
4. The time of the revealing. Just before the tribulation. The church is still on the earth. Vs. 6, 3 ½ years in the wilderness - tribulation.

### D. The Nature of the Man-Child.

*"A man-child""Arrhen" or "Arsen" - means male It has to do with manhood - not gender.*

#### 1. Manly characteristics -heroic virtues.

They are strong -not weak. They are true -not false. Not full of hypocrisy.

2. Overcomers, vs. 5. "Who was to rule" Rev. 12:11; 2:26,27; 3:21.The "Overcomer" is promised to sit with Him on His throne. These are "caught up to God and to His throne."

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**3. Humble, vs.11.** Did not combat the devil in their own strength.  
II Cor. 10:4.

**E. The Characteristics of the Man-Child.**

**1 .A student of the Word.** To confess the Word, you must know the Word, vs. 11."by the Word of their testimony"

**2. A believer in the Word.** They believed in the blood of the Lamb because of the Word.Vs. 11 "overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

**3. A lover of the Word.** Vs 11 " And loved not their lives" They loved the Word more than their lives.

**F. The Development of the Man-Child. (*There is a development here*)**

**1. Conceived.** "Gaster" Vs. 2 "With child"

**2. Child.** "Teknon" Vs. 4 "Developing"

**3. Son.** "Huiois" Vs. 5 "Matured"

In type in Gen. 2:21 Adam and Eve. Gen. 5:24 Enoch - Methuselah - Noah. The Word of truth (like seed) is being planted in the heart of the Church by His Spirit. It is not fully-grown or mature but God is nourishing it- He will bring it forth.

#### IV. The Great Red Dragon, 12:3,4

*Rev. 12: 3, 4 "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."*

The appearance seen is not a literal representation of the devil as he actually is. The wonder (the sign) of the dragon is figurative and descriptive of the devil's particular characteristics, suggestive of his destructive and murderous character. There is no doubt as to the significance of the dragon symbolizing the devil; invariably a symbol of what is harmful, wicked, evil, tyrannous and murderous. The devil is a hideous bloodthirsty monster, always "*seeking whom he may devour.*"

This is the history of a fierce, hostile, evil power with which the Church has, and is, and must yet contend. This evil force is set to hinder the progress and destroy the hopes of the Church. It is "*another wonder*" (sign) that is to be interpreted after the same manner as the preceding "sign."

##### **A. The Dragon**

###### 1. The Image or "Sign" is that of a "Dragon"

Understand, this dragon is a terrible creature that delights in attacking, terrifying and devouring. It is especially determined to attack and destroy the truth of God's Word.

*Matt. 13: 19 "When any one heareth the Word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side."*

*Lk. 8: 12 "Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."*

*I Pet. 5: 8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"*

###### 1) It is "A Great Dragon"

While the picture in general is that of a dragon, it is altogether peculiar and different from the common dragon. It exceeds the ordinary idea in size and bulk, and every dragon feature is greatly magnified. The



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dragon is “great” in its evil accomplishment and great in its power to kill. It is “*a great... dragon.*”

“Megas” – “Great” – mighty of external form, measure – of a degree and intensity – mighty of rank (whether of persons or angels) – of all those who had position of authority and power

Here is a being that has dared to set himself against the Almighty God. This “*dragon*” is trying to overcome Him and take over the universe by taking from the Creator the creation that God had created. Although this dragon had the power of death, it was through death that Christ defeated him.

a. The devil has the Power of Death

He has the power to put to death.

*Heb. 2: 14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”*

a) The devil has the Ability to Deceive

He is great in his ability to deceive and destroy. The devil has the ability to deceive the whole world.

*Rev. 12: 9 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the **whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

What a power of deception must lie in him who deceives angels to follow him!

2) It is “A Great Red Dragon”

It is “red,” seemingly for two reasons. The first is to enhance his terrible appearance. The second is suggestive of his murderous, destructive character. It is a peculiar color.

“Purros” – “Red” – fiery – bloody – the color of blood – murder

This was the color of the horse whose rider was to take peace out of the world, and bring about terrible war and bloodshed.

*Rev. 6: 4 “And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.”*

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Jesus said the devil was a murderer from the beginning, and could not tell the truth.

*Jn. 8: 44 "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

Dr. J. A. Seiss said, "There has never been a murder, but he (the devil) caused it."

*I Pet. 5: 8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"*

Fiery red also indicates the destructive and cruel nature of the dragon. The dragon is burning like fire with rage and out of control with malignant hatred against that which is righteous and godly.

3) It has "Seven Heads"

Seven is a number of completeness, or fullness. This indicates the fullness of evil and wickedness. Dragons ordinarily were given one head, but this dragon possesses "seven heads." Two heads would indicate confusion. Here there are seven heads. "Seven heads" also reveal a total and complete state of confusion. The head is the seat of governing power and it implies rule and control. The fact there are seven heads should be understood in the same sense that we read of "*the seven Spirits of God*" - a manifold unity. We have here in these heads the symbol of the entire imperial reign and rule of this world from the beginning of time to the end of this present age.

Three times the Lord calls the devil "...*the prince of this world.*"

*Jn. 12: 31 "...Now shall the prince of this world be cast out."*

*Jn. 14: 30 "...For the prince of this world cometh..."*

*Jn. 16: 11 "...Because the prince of this world is judged."*

The Apostle Paul called him the "*god of this world.*"

*II Cor. 4: 4 "...The god of this world hath blinded the minds..."*

*I Jn. 5: 19 "...The whole world lieth in wickedness."*

The Amplified New Testament reads, "The whole world (around us) is under the power of the evil one."

The image before us presents the dragon having dominion over the governments of this world. Therefore, through these world powers, he sets himself against the kingdom of God and all that is good and right.

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4) It has "Seven Crowns upon his Heads"

The "heads" being "crowned" would indicate at least to some degree, that he has been successful in his diabolical attacks.

a. Successful in Deceiving - A Crown

*Rev. 12: 9 "And the great dragon... called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world..."*

a) Successful in Dividing - A Crown

*I Cor. 11: 18 "...There be divisions among you..."*

b) Successful in Defeating - A Crown

*Matt. 24: 12 "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."*

*Successful in Denying - A Crown*

*Jude 4 "...Denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."*

c) Successful in Devouring - A Crown

*I Pet. 5: 8 "...Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"*

d) Successful in Delaying - A Crown

*Dan. 10: 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me..."*

e) Successful in Deforming - A Crown

*Lk. 13: 11 "...A woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself."*

*Lk. 13: 18 "...Whom satan hath bound..."*

He is the destroyer of both body and soul. He seduceth and misleads the whole world, promising everything including peace and prosperity, so that he can more effectively enslave and destroy.

5) It has "Ten Horns"

"Ten" signifies the perfection of Divine Order. This is in contrast to that of an evil, wicked being, so this would be in reverse of the Divine Order; complete and total disorder.

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“Keras” – “Horns” are symbolic of strength, power, dominion and kingly rule – kings and their kingdoms.

*Dan. 7: 24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings...”*

*Dan. 8: 20 “The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings...”*

These “horns” are not symbols of good rule but of evil power to hurt, wound, afflict and destroy. The forces which destroyed Palestine were referred to as “*four horns*” in Zech. 1: 18-21. They scattered, oppressed, injured and destroyed the people of God. Likewise, the “horns” of the dragon scatter, divide, oppress, torment, injure, afflict, destroy and kill the believers in Christ.

6) It has A Tail

*Rev. 4: 12 “...His tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:...”*

His tail is certainly one of the most striking features of the dragon. It swings through heaven drawing a third part of the stars and casts them to the ground. These “*stars of heaven*” are very particular stars. They are not literal stars, for the whole scene is a “sign.” These were the angelic hosts, fitly called stars by reason of their brightness, shining beauty and glory.

*Job 38: 4-7 “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”*

When Lucifer fell and became the devil, he was able to deceive and draw away a third part of the angels with him.

*Jude 6 “...Angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation...”*

*II Pet. 2: 4 “...God spared not the angels that sinned...”*

## **B. The Mystery of the Dragon**

The dragon is not altogether that great a mystery because of:

*Rev. 12: 9 “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

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The devil is not literally a dragon, as the Church is not literally a woman, but these are divinely given images or symbols. There is a devil. John recorded here that the dragon was the devil. *"...The great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world..."*

This is a great contrast from his original state.

*Isa. 14: 12 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground..."*

*Eze. 28: 14 "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth..."*

He was the highest order of all God's creation.

*Eze. 28: 15 "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created..."*

*Eze. 28: 17 "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness..."*

Perfect in "Beauty" - Full of "Wisdom" - Clothed in "Brightness" (Light - Truth - Righteousness)

Lucifer fell from the anointed cherub that covereth, to a murderous dragon. What happened? What caused this terrible change? God did not make a dragon (devil); He created Lucifer - "The light bearer." God created him with a free will to choose to do good or evil. He was not the devil, but he became the devil through the desire to be like God, or to be God.

Dragon - "The dragon, figured prominently in ancient and medieval mythologies as an embodiment of evil principle. It has been superstitiously dreaded and even worshipped, as in China, where it is the imperial emblem. It is commonly represented as a large winged serpent, with a crested head and powerful claws. In classical mythology, a dangerous, often a supernatural serpent." (Standard Dictionary)

The dragon has great power.

- ◆ Power over the nations Lk. 4: 6
- ◆ Power of the air Eph. 2: 2
- ◆ Power and signs II Thes. 2: 9
- ◆ Power of death Heb. 2: 14

*Jude 9 "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, the Lord rebuke thee."*

Lucifer is of the highest order of angelic beings, but is subordinate to God. Some compare the dragon in Rev. 12 to the Beast coming up out

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of the sea in Rev. 13. In Rev. 12, the seven heads wear the crowns. In Rev. 13, it is the horns that are crowned. The dragon is the head of a spiritual empire while the Beast is the head of a physical empire. This portrays a concentration of, and the exercise of, the devil's diabolical power in and through the world powers.

There is a likeness between the Dragon and the Beast because they are both the workings of the devil. There is also the distinction between them because one works in the spiritual realm and the other works in the physical realm.

### C. The Objects of The Dragon's Malignity

*Rev. 12: 4 "...And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."*

#### 1. The First Objective is to Devour the 'Man-Child'

To destroy and devour the "Man-Child," the devil would have to destroy the message (the Truth of the Word) that produces the "Man-Child." If there ever was a message that the devil hates, it is this message of the "Man-Child" - the message of **overcoming** - the message of **perfection**.

Jesus said:

*Matt. 13: 19 "...Then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown..."*

The power of the Word is "...made of none effect..." (Rom. 4: 14) in the lives of those that "...understandeth it not." (Matt. 13:19)

When the Word is received and understood, it will produce the characteristics of Christ in the life of the believer. The Word produces to the extent that it is believed and obeyed. Jesus said by the same "Word" some would produce "...thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred..."

*Mk. 4: 20 "...Such as hear the Word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."*

The Scripture speaks of some as babes, some as children and some of mature age.

*Heb. 5: 12-14 "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the Word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth*

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*to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

The "Man-Child" will be a ruling body of Overcomers that will be given power to rule the nations.

*Rev. 2: 26, 27 "And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, **to him will I give power** over the nations: And **he shall rule them with a rod of iron**; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: **even as I received of My Father.**"*

*Psa. 2: 9 "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

Here we see Christ ruling with the rod of iron. It is said that Rev. 12 has to be Christ because they believe He is the only one that is ruling with the rod of iron. The Overcomer has this promise of being given this power to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

The devil will try to devour the "Man-Child" as soon as he is born, but the "Man-Child" will be "...caught up unto God, and to His throne." This is the promise to the Overcomer.

*Rev. 3: 21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."*

The dragon's desire is to devour the "Man-Child" who is destined to "...rule all the nations with a rod of iron..." that the dragon has ruled over. All satanic activities are carried out under the ambitious motive to rule and to be worshipped. Does the devil know he will lose this place?

When this objective failed, he attacked the Woman.

## 2. The Second Objective is to Devour the "Woman"

*Rev. 12: 13 "And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child."*

In the Gospel according to St. Luke, Jesus spoke of the great and awful signs of the last three-and-a-half years of the Tribulation Hour.

*Lk. 21: 12 "But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake."*

"Basileus" - "King" - a sovereign - ruler - dictator (kings are not presidents)

Several years ago the Lord showed me in a dream that the Church was going to go through "Great Persecution." The Church is persecuted

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for three-and-a-half years to bring her to a place of separation from the world and complete dedication to the Lord.

*Rev. 12: 6 "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." (Three-and-a-half years)*

*Rev. 12: 15 "And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood (false doctrine) after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood (false doctrine)."*

When this failed, he attacked the "*remnant of her seed*."

### 3. The Third Objective is to Destroy the Seed

*Rev. 12: 17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed..."*

The "*remnant of her seed*" is the saints that are left after the Rapture of the Church, which takes place in the middle of the Tribulation Hour. These saints find themselves facing the last three-and-a-half years of the Tribulation. They are represented by the foolish virgins that neglected their experience. They will have to wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, and will come out of Great Tribulation.

*Rev. 7: 9 "After this (the sealing of the 144,000 Jews) I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;"*

*Rev. 7: 13, 14 "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

## D. The Destiny of the Dragon

### 1. Cast out of Heaven

*Rev. 12: 8 "...Neither was their place found any more in heaven."*

*Rev. 12: 9 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*

The devil's place was not left empty, but **was found no more**. The "Man-Child" now occupies that place.



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1) Bound in the Bottomless Pit

*Rev. 20: 1-3 "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil, and satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."*

2) Loosed a Little Season

The dragon will be loosed for a short season. He goes forth and deceives many nations.

*Rev. 20: 3 "...And after that he must be loosed a little season."*

*Rev. 20: 7, 8 "And when the thousand years are expired, satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."*

3) Cast Ultimately into the Lake of Fire

The dragon will eventually be cast into the lake of fire, where he shall be tormented forever, and forever.

*Rev. 20: 10 "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."*

## **V. The War in Heaven, Rev. 12:7-12 "And there was war in Heaven"**

Some that are of a skeptical mind, ridicule the idea of a literal war, and are astonished that reasonable men should believe in such an event, and pass it off as mere fiction.

Others believe that it is a mere poetical and exaggerated account of certain moral conflicts in the history of the Church on earth.

Others believe the Dragon to mean the Pagan Roman Empire; Michael, the Christian Roman Empire; Heaven, the throne of the Roman Emperors; and the war in Heaven, the conflicts between the Pagan and Christian Roman Emperors.

Also, some teach that we are not to believe that this was an actual event, but a sort of a summary of the prolonged battle between good and evil.

Remember that this is a divinely inspired revelation, and it states, "And there was war in Heaven:"

This is a literal war in heaven.

There have been many battles, but this is war. The last great conflict when the devil is cast out of heaven. There was a battle in Eden when the devil deceived man and he lost his position with God. There was a battle in hell when Christ fought and won redemption for man. He has, "the keys of hell and of death." This is not a battle but a war, where man, with the help of Michael and his angels, lay claim to the fullness of redemption, and overcome the devil and gain the rights to the throne.

There are battles going on in the physical world in many different places. This is a spiritual war that will take place in the heavens.

### **A. The Cause of This War.**

1. The enthroning of the man-child, vs. 5.

*"And her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne."*

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1. The place Satan held.

a. Next to God in authority. The man-child shall take this place.  
"Rule"

a) He lost it by default. Heaven has foreclosed on him, vs.8, Rom. 16:20.

**B. The Forces of This War.**

1. Michael and his angels, vs.7. Heb. 1:14.

Some believe Michael to be Christ. If this is true, why in Jude 9 is it stated, "he durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

2. The Dragon and his angels, vs.7, Eph. 6:11,12.

A great malignant kingdom, a vast spiritual empire of evil, stands opposed to God's people. His angels are those that kept not their first estate but followed Satan in his fall. Jude 6.

3. The man-child, (The Bride) vs.11.

"The Overcomer" Rev. 3:21.

The War in Heaven is with and on behalf of the "child."

**C. The Nature of This War.**

1. Spiritual and not physical.

The forces that are engaged are spiritual.  
The realm the war is waged is "in Heaven."

2. There is no loss of life.

There is no bloodshed - no killing.  
There is loss of "place" or "position" , not of life.

3. It is a war of faith and knowledge, vs. 11.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony." It is the war of believing saints, supported by angels, against a malignant and hellish intellect inflamed with desperate hate and anger. Like as the conflict of Christ with the devil in the wilderness. The devil attacked His faith and His understanding.

"If thou be the Son of God." Christ knew and believed who He was.

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"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, (faith) and by the Word of their testimony. (knowledge)"

**D. The Outcome of this War**

1. The Dragon is defeated.

With all his wisdom and power, and all the fury of his hosts, the effort is disastrous, vs. 7 ,8. "The dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not."

2. The Dragon loses his "place," vs. 8.

"Neither was their place found any more in heaven."

3. The Dragon is cast out, vs. 9.

" And the great dragon was cast out," vs. 12.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down."

4. The man-child is victorious.

Sits on the throne. Reigning and ruling with Christ.

## **VI. The Woman in the Wilderness, Rev. 12:6; 13-16**

### **A. I. The Identity of the Woman, vs.1.**

#### **1 .The Church -**

- (1) "Clothed with the sun."
- (2) "Moon under her feet."
- (3) "Upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

#### **2. Producing the man-child.**

### **A. II. The Reason For Her Flight, vs.13.**

#### **1. She was persecuted.**

"Dioko" to put to flight, drive away, to pursue.

#### **2. By the Dragon.**

- (1) "He was cast to the earth."
- (2) "Which brought forth the man-child."

Satan being ejected from heaven, by the Man-child with the aid of Michael and his angels, takes out his wrath and venom on the woman. "Woe to the inhibitors of the earth and the sea ! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. " vs. 12

### **B. III. The Place of Her Flight, vs. 6, 14.**

#### **The Wilderness - vs. 6.**

" And the woman fled into the wilderness. "

"Ran away" -"Escaped "

"Eremos" it is an adjective -describing something rather than indicating a place.

Meaning -"Desolate" -"Deserted" -"Lonely"

#### **1. A Place of Preparation - vs. 6**

"Where she hath a place prepared of God" Readiness -All prepared A place of:

- (1.) Discipline
- (2.) Training
- (3.) Testing

Deut. 8:2-3 Israel in the Wilderness

Rev. 3: 10 "Try" to test -scrutinize - discipline -examine -prove

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**2. A Place of Persecution -vs. 13**

- (1.) Great Persecution - "Great Wrath " vs. 12 "Thumos" hot anger -passion, as if breathing hard -fierceness - indignation.

Most evil and wicked times on the earth. Dan.  
12:2 Matt. 24:21-22 Luke 21:22

- (2.) A Short Time To Do His Work -  
"Hath but a short time"

**3. A Place of Provision -vs. 14**

- (1.) Special and direct help of God.  
"Given two wings of a great eagle. " Ex. 19:4

- (2.) Endued with Soaring Power -Isa. 40:31  
"That she might fly (in) the wilderness. "  
vs. 6 says she's already fled into the wilderness.

- (3.) Finds Her Place - "...into her place."

- ( a) She had been out of her place.  
(b) She finds her place in the wilderness.

Israel wandered in the wilderness. Because of their  
"unbelief."  
It's here in the wilderness that she finds her place. Rev.  
3:14-18.

**4. A Place of Nourishing -vs. 14**

"Where she is nourished"

- ( 1) The church fed and nourished. To bring maturity.  
"Trepho" -to feed, to make to grow Israel had manna in  
the wilderness -  
To get them ready to go into Canaan.

- (2) "For a time, and times, and half a time."  
3 ½ years -First half of the Tribulation.

- (3) "From the face of the serpent."  
As being towards view. Presence - Rev.4:1 - "Apo" -away,  
off, departure

## **IV. The Flood -vs. 15**

### **1. The Source of the Flood -**

"The serpent cast out of his mouth"

(1.) False Accusations -vs. 10

"The accuser of our brethren "

(2.) False Doctrines -I Tim. 4:1

"Doctrines of devils"

### **2. The Nature of the Flood -**

"Water as a Flood" (Words as water.)

59:14 The flood is typical of every form of destruction -Psa. 18:4 Isa.  
Jer. 46:7-8 Jer. 47:2-3 Dan. 9:26

The flood expresses overwhelming misfortune, the bitter persecution to which the Church will be subjected to.

### **3. The Purpose of the Flood -vs. 15.**

"That he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. "  
To be overwhelmed -"Carried about" Eph. 4: 14

### **4. The Failure of the Flood -vs. 16**

(1.) "The earth helped the woman "

The earth frequently signifies -" the wicked. "

Adam was made from the dust of the earth. I Cor. 15:47

"The first man is of the earth, earthy. " Rev. 17:16-17

(2.) "The earth opened her mouth "

Could be a supernatural event. Num. 16:31-33 Ex.

15:11-12



## VII. The Seed of the Woman, 12:17

*Rev. 12: 17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

Completely defeated in his attempt to destroy the Woman, the wrath and rage of the dragon was not satisfied, but now burned more fiercely. Compelled to cease from his attempt to destroy the Woman because she has been raptured away out of his reach, the dragon now turns to make war with the remnant of her seed.

### I. The Remnant of Her Seed

Defeated beyond remedy in his attack on the Church (the Woman) the dragon changes his focus and enters into a war with the converts of the Church, "...*the remnant of her seed*."

"*The remnant of her seed*" means the children of the "Woman." This "*remnant*" is the born again believers (the family of God). The "*remnant*" is that which remains - that which is left out of the whole - that which is left from the Rapture of the Church.

Some believe "*the remnant*" to be two classes of people - the Jews and the Gentiles. Remember, the Jews are not the seed of the Woman. In fact, they are very much opposed to the Church and to the New Testament teaching that Jesus is God manifested in the flesh, and that He is their Jewish Messiah.

#### 1. The Remnant Identified

The "...*remnant of her seed*..." are the true believers in Christ who are left after the Rapture of the Church. These held fast the confession of their faith in Christ Jesus and are a separated people from the prevailing abomination of that time. Notice, now there is a definite distinction between the masses who confess Christ and those who "...*keep the commandments of God*." (Rev. 12: 17)

*Matt. 7: 21-23 "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity."*

#### 2. The Remnant Defined

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The “...remnant of her seed...” is the saved; it is not the Church (the Woman). The baptism of the Spirit is required to be in the Church (His Body). The remnant had not been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (His Church; the Woman).

*I Cor. 12: 13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”*

Paul makes it very plain in Eph. 1: 22, 23 that the Church is His body.

*“And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the Church, Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.”*

Either these were never baptized or they had allowed their experience to go dry. Like the five foolish virgins, they were virgins, but they had allowed the oil to go dry.

*Matt. 25: 7-10 “Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the Bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage (feast): and the door was shut.”*

## **II. The War Against Her Seed**

*Rev. 12: 17 “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed...”*

Defeated in his attack on the “Man-Child” (the Overcomers), and then defeated in his attack on the “Woman” (the Church), the dragon changes his focus and enters into a deadly war with the converts of the “Woman,” “her seed.”

### **1. The Means the Dragon Uses in This War**

#### **1) The Anti-christ**

The anti-christ will be the head of the one world government.

*Rev. 13: 7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them...”*

#### **2) The False Religion**

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The false religion is the system, which is practiced by the false prophet, bringing all the denominations of the world into one church. This one-world church will be government-controlled and government sponsored and headed up by the false prophet, who causes all to worship the "beast."

*Rev. 13: 11-15 "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."*

### **3) The Economy**

A government-controlled one world monetary system will be introduced. No one will be able to buy or sell unless they fit into the government-controlled system and receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead. There will not be a money exchange system, as we know it. There will be a transfer of credits through the computers, and without the mark you will not be able to transact business. This will force many to receive the mark.

*Rev. 13: 16, 17 "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."*

*Rev. 16: 2 "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."*

*Rev. 19: 20 "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, **and them** that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."*

### III. The Effects of the War

#### 1. Great Tribulation

“Megas Thlipsis” – “Great Tribulation” – exceeding great affliction – to suffer affliction – primarily means a pressuring

The Great Tribulation indicates a definite period of time, which was spoken of by the Lord, which precedes His Second Advent. The Second Advent is the “Epiphany,” the revelation of Christ coming back to take over the kingdoms of this world. This is not the secret coming in the air where He raptures the Church.

*Matt. 24: 29, 30 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”*

*The believers will be greatly persecuted.*

*Matt. 24: 21 “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”*

*Rev. 2: 22 “Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into Great Tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.”*

*Rev. 3: 10 “Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”*

#### 2. Saints Overcome

*Rev. 13: 7 “And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them...”*

*The “Man-Child” (the Overcomers) overcame the dragon.*

*Rev. 12: 11 “...They overcame him...”*

*“The Woman” (the Church) escaped the dragon’s attacks by a great miracle. However, these saints that were left behind during the last three-and-a-half years of the Tribulation are attacked and overcome by the dragon’s murderous assaults. Permission was “given” (Rev. 13: 7) to the dragon and to the false-christ to make war with the saints and to overcome them. These saints are not Jews only, for the Scripture says, “over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.”*

*Rev. 7: 9 “...Of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues.”*

#### 3. Many Martyrs

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Many of the saints that are left behind and go into the "Great Tribulation" will give their lives as martyrs, because they refused to give up their faith in Christ Jesus the Lord.

*Matt. 24: 9 "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake."*

*Jn. 16: 2 "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."*

*Rev. 6: 9-11 "And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."*

*Rev. 7: 9-14 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the Throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the Throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the Throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

*Rev. 14: 12, 13 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."*

#### **IV. The Martyrs' Reward**

*Rev. 7: 15-17 "Therefore are they before the Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the Throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall*

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*lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."*

**They are Before the Throne of God**

- 1. They Serve Him... in His Temple**
- 2. They Dwell with Him that Sits on the Throne**
- 3. They Shall Hunger No More**
- 4. They Neither Thirst Anymore**
- 5. They Shall No More be Scorched with the Heat**
- 6. They Shall be Fed by the Lamb Himself**
- 7. They Shall be Lead unto Living Fountains of Waters**
- 8. They Shall Have No More Tears**

# FINAL EXAM

1. Who was this a revelation of?
2. In what kind of language is much of this revelation written?
3. Who is the scribe of this revelation?
4. How did John receive the vision?
5. What was he commanded to do with the vision?
6. Where does the Lord hold His ministers?
7. To whom were the seven letters addressed?
8. Name the seven churches.

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Of what is the number seven a type?

What was the complaint against the church at Ephesus?



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What was the complaint against the church of Laodicea?

What was the counsel to the church of the Laodiceans?

13. What did John hear when the door was opened in heaven?
14. What did John see when the door was opened?
15. What type of a throne was it?
16. Who are the Twenty-Four Elders?
17. Who are the Four-Living Creatures?
18. Who was found worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof?
19. What were the colors of the four horses?
20. Who are the 144,000 that were sealed?

Bonus: Tell what happened under the seventh seal.

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Revelation 12

These notes are pages 13 to 17 of the printed document I found. It obviously is missing the 1st 12 pages. I do not know where they're from. Other than they belong to grandpa.

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The sun called woman, continued.

... And we have seen all the way through from Pentecost right on down through to this very hour. The Church is been existing, militant, and prosperous. The devil would come along and say the Church is never really accomplish too much. Brothers and sisters, I'm sure in the record of heaven you are going to find a different thing altogether. God keeps good books. The Church tonight has been insulted. It's been attacked. It's been put through the fire and burned at the stake. You read of the early disciples. Every one of them right on down through gave their lives. All was beheaded, but the Church went on. They crucified Peter upside down, but the Church 1st, because it wasn't Peter's Church. Jesus said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Brother, God himself is building the Church and, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, even though the devil would try to come against it with every devilish thing that he can. He's tried to attack it from every side. He's tried to attack that which the Church is been built upon, the rock of revelation. Jesus said, "I'm going to build my Church." What is it that causes you to stand in your heavenly position are sick heavenly places? What is it that carries you above the power of darkness? It is the revelation of the word; the revelation of Jesus Christ. He has built his Church on revelation, and against this Church the gates of hell shall not prevail.

he is not just building a church in the same time, he has built it. The church is still in existence even though maybe as far as denominations and man's organization within the framework of the church, we become disgusted with what we see. Yes, God has a church tonight. Look at Ephesians 1:19 to 23. I think this is one of the most thrilling things that the Holy Spirit has come toward the believer.

Ephesians 1:19 to 23--And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

we want the Lord to do great things in us. We want to see great things done. We say, "oh Lord, can you do great things for us?" The word of the Lord gives the answer. The Lord already has done great things.

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and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us for which he rose in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand and the heavenly places, far above all principality, power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and that for all things under his feet, and gave them to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body,

what is the church tonight? The body of Christ and he has put all things under his, we are his body. We are more than conquerors in the church tonight is more than a comical. The "moon is under her feet."

now, going into the last part of the verse, "upon her head a crown of 12 stars." There are a lot of folks that will say that these are the 12 apostles. Time to Ephesians 2:19 to 20.

Ephesians 2:19-20 "now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

also you will find that in the new city Jerusalem the stones will have the names of the 12 apostles recorded on them. Now then, the foundation stone sound to me a whole lot different than stars on a crown. I cannot fathom how foundation stones can be interpreted for 12 stars in a crown. The crown here has to do with the kingdom. The moment you think about a crown, you think about royalty, somebody was been crowned. Therefore there must be a kingdom, and when you have a crown or kingdom have old and authority and government. Also, a crown speaks of reward. Isn't this all true? Now when you begin to think of this in the light of Scripture and John already seen this one crowned, before the child is produced; then we look for someone in the Scripture was already entered into a crown position, was enrolled, was now governing. Now it's got to be in connection with the church because we just proved from the Scripture that the church is referred to here. But now it doesn't say upon her feet were upon her shoulder, but "upon her head a crown of 12 stars." Isn't it that what it says? Now look at Ephesians 1:22

Ephesians 1:22 "that he is the head of the church

Again look in Ephesians 5:23

Ephesians 5:23 "Christ is the head of the church.

so then, we are seeing something of a body composed of Jesus Christ the head and the great body of his people making up the body of the church. Now where is Christ tonight? Where is his position? Is he on the earth? He is in the place of authority. Isn't that right? He's already entered into the kingdom. He is an rulership tonight. He's already been crowned. 12 had to do with heavenly perfection. I'm sure

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it must have some significance, probably having to do with the greatness of the Lord. I'm sure it is something more than the fact that it speaks about 12 apostles. It has something to do with the office and function and the reward of the Lord Jesus Christ. He learned obedience to the things he suffered, and he became the capital of our salvation and was made perfect by these things. He brings 5:8; Hebrews 2:10.

This is his earthly life that we are talking about, and Jesus received a reward for this. He has already entered and and he is already crowned the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

one other thought with this: because he is the head of the church is part of his body, therefore he being the king, we must then also share in his rule and authority.

I Peter 2:9 "but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

"royal priesthood..."

Revelation 1:6 "And hath made us kings, and priests unto God and his father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

this is just the 1st step of the lesson, just trying to establish in your mind with this woman is. It's the church in a militant position, with the Lord Jesus Christ, and close relationship with them.

there is a cry and a travail in the church to bring forth a company of over commerce, the people that will live according to the truth of God, out of the church, out of this militant body.

you and I know tonight that the church is in a state different from what it was when it started at Pentecost. When Pentecost came over when the church started, it was like a young birds and going out to wrestling fight over common to conquer. But now it as she has come to the end of the age, it's a woman over grown and developed, producing something by the spirit of God. She has become weakened and in pain and agony, ready to be delivered. This is the state of the church tonight because she is getting ready to bring forth. Why do you think we're living in an age when the Holy Ghost is being poured out in the manner in which it is? You know what happens to woman in the last phases are stages of being with child? As the last days,, she becomes greatly enlarged. This is what you see here, a woman enlarged and in pain ready to be delivered. I believe that we are living in a time when the Holy Ghost and the church has leaped over the denominational barriers. We put them up, God didn't. The Holy Ghost isn't breathing men today bringing them into something, that he might bring out of them the most wonderful thing that has happened since the dawn of creation, which is a manchild that is going to shake

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loose creation itself; and manifestation of sons of God in these last days. Romans 8:19 - 23.

this is not going to be the whole church itself. The church will go into the tribulation hour just like this revelation declares.

there is a people that is going to come out and "escape all these things," "and stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36. You say what you want to...

## **Are we missing it?**

Text: Revelation 12:12

*Revelation 12:12 - ...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!  
for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath,  
because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

The devil has come down. Are we seeing him?

### **What did Jesus say to watch for?**

“deception” - “be not deceived”  
the church - look at it - has it been deceived?  
Premarital sex - marriage and divorce - the government  
involvement in the family and the destruction of it.

### **How have we been deceived?**

#### **Through television - subliminal messaging**

##### **Ready a talk shows**

##### **That movie E. T.**

Subliminal words. Get a Pepsi, etc. Get a drink. The man was  
crying “I did it”. “Homosexuality is good.”

#### **Rock groups Groups - so-called Christian**

That Stripers - from the stripes of Jesus. Times Magazine  
describes them - “All 4 members of the stripers and shaggy  
shoulderlength hair, lots of eyeliner, and plenty of weather in chains  
to go with the spandex.”



### **The New Age Movement**

The rainbow is their sign.

All major networks are now New Age.

Homosexuals are a part of it.

Feminists are a part of it.

Peace or anti-nuclear movement. Their rainbow has a dove in it.

Lucifer publishing house.

Unity church - homosexual marriages.

The holistic health movement.

### **Have we forgotten the devil's tactics?**

#### **He lies about God.**

Genesis 3:4 - 5 what is going on? Now.

#### **He instigates to sin.**

John 12:12 the devil having put into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus.

#### **Sinners are under his dominion.**

Acts 26:18

#### **Produces lying wonders.**

II Thessalonians 2:9

#### **Sows tares - what are the tears?**

*Matthew 13:38 the tares are the children of the wicked one.*

Revelation 13

## The Vision of the Beast

**Rev. 13:1** “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”

The first part of the verse goes along with chapter twelve (“**And he stood**”).

Then we commence the new thought “**And I saw**”:

John is seeing in the spirit this vision of “**The Beast**”:

### I. The Location It Came From:

- (1) No particular place or people. “A beast rise up out of the sea”
- (2) Sea has to do with nations, and peoples (**Rev. 17:15**).
- (3) The fact it “rose up”, came into power.

### II. The description of “The Beast”:

#### (1) “Having Seven Heads”:

**Rev. 17:9-10** says, “The seven heads are seven mountains ... And ... there are seven kings”. Mountains in the scriptures, we are made to understand, are kingdoms (**Psa. 30:7 - Jer. 51:25 - Dan. 2:25**). Therefore these are seven kingdoms – seven world ruling powers. This is a full revelation of “The Times of The Gentiles”, from beginning to end. Who are these Seven Kingdoms? History makes it plain who they are:

- (1) Assyria
- (2) Egypt
- (3) Babylon
- (4) Persia
- (5) Greece
- (6) Rome
- (7) And here we have the final kingdom; the kingdom of the anti-Christ.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter we read:

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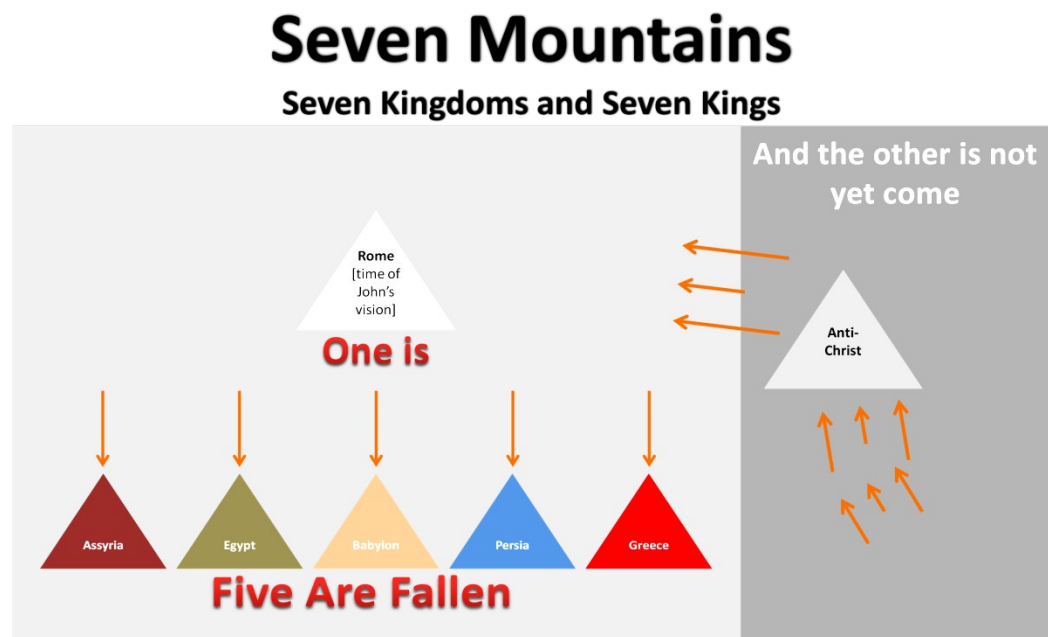
**a. "...Five Are Fallen...":**

- (1) Assyria
- (2) Egypt
- (3) Babylon
- (4) Persia
- (5) Greece

At this particular time John is beholding this scene, there has been five fallen.

**b. "...And One Is...":**

Again, there was "one" in power at the time of John's vision - there is no question as to what kingdom it was. The Roman Empire was still in rule and power at that time.



**c. "...And the other is not yet come...":**

That is, the anti-Christ has not yet set up his kingdom. He is the seventh kingdom and he must continue a "short space".

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- He comes on the scene during the first part of the Tribulation and then in the middle of the tribulation he is slain with the Sword...
- and resurrected to life to be the eighth which is of the seventh.
- Rev 17:11: "And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition"

(2) "...And Ten Horns...":

Dan. 7:24: "And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings"

Rev. 17:12: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings"

These are not a description of the previous kings, but are the ten kings, the ruling powers, which will rise up after the Roman Empire.

**This is in agreement with Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and Daniel's vision.**

- Nebuchadnezzar saw a Great Image broken up into Four Sections and finally divided into ten toes.
  - Babylon: the head
  - Persia: the shoulders and breast
  - Greece: the belly and thighs
  - Rome: the thighs and legs and feet, then the ten toes; the ten horns of John's vision

**Daniel's vision was four wild beasts.**

- ❖ A lion
- ❖ A bear
- ❖ A leopard

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- ❖ An indescribable beast; and coming out of this beast were ten horns

(Dan. 7:7)

**“And it had ten horns”:**

- Comparing to the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and the ten horns of John’s vision.
- However we see something in Daniels vision that is not seen in either Nebuchadnezzar’s dream or John’s vision.

**“There came up among them another little horn.”:**

- John sees:
  - The beast itself being the “Little Horn” that comes up among the ten.
- However Daniel sees:
  - There were three of the “First Horns plucked up by the roots.”
    - This would indicate that Daniel saw a more advanced stage than what John declares.
      - John saw ten horns in the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelations. This indicates that he saw them before any of them were plucked up.
        - Furthermore at this stage they have not received their Kingdom (Rev. 17:12).

The fact that John saw ten horns in the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Revelations indicating the he saw them before any of them were plucked up...

Declares

“And the other that has not yet come”

At the time that John was seeing that the anti-Christ “had not yet come” into power, was possibly just before or at, the beginning of the Tribulation.

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“Which received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.” The first part of the Tribulation hour.

### (3) “And Upon His Horns Ten Crowns”

They have now received their crowns and John sees the time of the ten kings reigning with the anti-Christ during the first part of the Tribulation.

For after this John sees the seventh head wounded and resurrected.

However John makes no more mention of the ten kings, but Daniel declares that three of them fall before the anti-Christ when he is resurrected from death.

## “Another Beast”

Rev. 13:11-

1. “ ‘I beheld another beast’ coming out of the earth;”
  - ❖ A beast in prophecy represents a “kingdom” (Dan. 7:23).
    - This is a kingdom -
2. “coming out of the earth”
  - ❖ “A beast coming out of the ‘sea’ ” is representative in prophecy as such rising amid “many peoples and multitudes”, a highly populated area (Rev. 17:15).
    - “The waters which thou sawest ,... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues”
    - To come out of the “earth”
      - Earth: country, ground-land.

A nation springing up out of the “Earth”

- Instead of overthrowing other powers to establish itself, this nation would rise in territory previously unoccupied.

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- o Yet it is a “beast” – it has a beast nature.

“Therion” – a wild beast – a dangerous animal.

Our country sprang up from the ground. It has been said by a prominent author... “Like a silent seed we grew into an empire”

3. “And he had two horns like a lamb”

- ❖ Horns are representative of a ruler
  - Dan. 7:24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings
- ❖ “He (the beast- the nation) had two horns” The constitution was set up in such a way that the state was sovereign and also the Church was sovereign.
- ❖ The lamb-like horns indicated something of a spiritual nature.
  - The Founding Fathers – Spiritual leaders in Government as well as in the Church. George Washington was a praying man. This nation was at least lamb-like in nature in its foundation.

4. “And he spake as a dragon”

- ❖ Speaking as a “dragon” is indicating there is a change in policy
- ❖ The lamb-like horns and then the voice of a dragon indicate a real change in character and in policy.
- ❖ Our civil and religious freedoms are fast being taken away.
- ❖ Notice in verses 12-18
  - The dragon is beginning to speak.

Slowly our government is becoming a dictatorship instead of a free democracy - a government by the people - of the people - for the people. We are headed to a New World Order.

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Ministers across the land, in an effort to stop national destruction, have moved millions of Christians to political action. The feeling is that something must be done. Leaders of the “Electronic Church” launched a campaign to arise 50 million Christians.

- Pat Robertson said: “Unless Christians desire a nation and a world, reordered to the humanistic/hedonistic (pleasure is the good) model, it is absolutely vital that we take control, of the U.S. government, away from the Trilateral Commission and the Council of Foreign Relations.”
- I am afraid it is too little, too late.
- We need to be preparing ourselves to get out. We failed as a people to occupy till he comes.



## **Topical Notes On the Beast**

### **Why Is He Called The Beast In Revelations?**

He is wounded, and then raised, incarnated by the devil.

### **What Is The Sign Of His Coming?**

There will be a falling away in the Church.

### **Who Will Be Deceived?**

Rev. 13:8 - "And all that dwelt upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world."

### **What Will Take Place Under His Reign?**

### **What Will His Sign Or Emblem Be?**

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### **What Will Be The Final Outcome Of The Man Of Sin?**

Rev. 19:20 - "And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

## **The Mark Of The Beast**

1. Instituted by the false prophet.

Rev. 13:16 - "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hands, or in their foreheads."

a) By Deception -

A wolf in sheep's clothing. [vs. 11][vs. 14]

b) By Miracles -

[vs. 12-13]

c) By Coercion -

[vs. 15] "would not worship....should be killed."

2. The Design of the Mark -

Rev. 13:16 - "And he causeth all....to receive a mark."

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Epilogue

Rev 22:6-

The last section of this book.

The Epilogue

The whole course of the church

Prologue - Interlude - Epilogue

I. The Truthfulness of These Writings

“These sayings are faithful and true”

Said of the Lord Himself “Never a man spake like this man.”

Thrice it is repeated -

Rev 19:9 21:5 - 22:6

Thrice it is affirmed - That these are from God.

Rev 1:1 “ He sent and signified it by his angel unto His servant John:”

Also here. Rev 22:6

And Rev 22:16 “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things.”

Either this book is nothing but forgery - Or it is the most authoritative writings -

These Are Gods Own Words - “Faithful And True”

We must take them -

We must build our faith on them -

We must testify to the Church + World of them.

II. The Repetition of Benediction -

Rev 1:3

here Rev 22:7

Is there another Book ?

So intense

So emphatic

So constant

Of the good to be gained -And the ill to be avoided.

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The Effect Upon The Apostle

Vs. 8-9

Continuation of The Closing of The Epilogue

Rev 22:10

I. Direct Orders Concerning This Revelation

“Seal not the sayings of The Prophecy of this book.”

Dan 8:26 12:4,9

Daniel was told to seal up the book.

John is told not to seal the book.

From the beginning John was directed to write what he saw and heard, and to make it known to the Churches. Rev 1:11, 19

Prophetical messages to each church.

Rev 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14.

In Chapter 10 he was about to write.

The Seven Thunders -

He was to seal this up - But the rest he was not to Seal.

He was to record them -

He was to make them known -

He was to publish them to the Churches -

These things were written both by -

Command -

Revelation of God -

See the stress -

Urgency -

Importance -

This Book is very important to us.

II. The Effects of This Revelation -

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”

There are two schools of thought

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Here -

One - The idea of eternal fixedness of character.  
When these Revelations scenes have been fulfilled.

The other idea - is the Effect of these  
Words - or this Revelation -

The meaning of the text has immediate reference to the context  
- to the now - sealing- writing and publishing -

For a better understanding read it -

"Let the unjust one do injustice more and more -  
and the filthy one defile more and more, and the righteous one  
do righteousness more and more."

II Tim 3:13

Heb 6:7-9

The same light of the Sun breed pestilence in the marshland -

Breeds life to all -

It is an ill to the ill -

Good to the Good -

III. The Rewards To All -

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give  
every man according as his work shall be."

1. To the wicked -

Degrees of Reward -

More tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah

2. To the Righteous -

Degrees of Reward -

Not Salvation but for works.

Wood - hay - stubble

Gold- Silver - Precious Stones.